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Mowlam targets plastic bullets

New curbs on use in Ulster

Fran Abrams and Anthony Bevins

Deep unease among senior ministers about excessive firing of plastic bullets in Northern Ireland is expected to lead to curbs on their use. Senior members of the government believe guidelines for use of haton rounds in Northern Ireland are too loose and want them brought into line with far stricter rules in force in England and Wales, where they have never been used.

A review has already been set up by the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) and is expected to report by the end of the year. Ministers know that such a move would help the peace process because nationalists in the province believe that the weapons have been used disproportionately against them. Mo Mowlam, the Northern

Ireland Secretary, has told The Independent: "The Government is determined, as are the police officers concerned, that guidelines for dealing with public dis-order and for the use of police equipment such as firearms (into which category plastic baton round guns fall) must be coherent, up-to-date and appropriate for the prevailing

circumstances. Since 1972. 17 péople have heen killed and more than 100 gravely injured by plastic bullets in Northern Ireland. The most recent death was in 1989, but in April two teenagers were hit in the head with haton rounds as they came out of a youth club.

Both were seriously injured. The use of plastic hullets has escalated over the last two years, with almost 11,000 fired since January 1996. Even in 1995, when the last IRA ceasefire was in place, the Royal Ulster Constabulary fired 273 plastic

The Independent has discovered marked disparines between the rules for the use of plastic bullets by the RUC, the army, and police forces in Britain. All three sets of guidelines used to be confidential, but have been declassified after a series of parliamentary questions from Brian Sedgemore, Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch.

While mainland police can only fire plastic bullets to pre-vent "serious risk of loss of life"

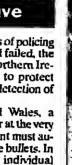
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when other methods of policing have been tried and failed, the security forces in Northern Ireland can use them to protect property or in the "detection of

In England and Wales, a chief police officer or at the very least a superintendent must authorise the use of the bullets. In Northern Ireland, individual gunners may decide to take action "if they judge their actions are warranted". Even these lax guidelines are regularly flouted by the RUC and army, according to civil liberties groups. For example the Committee on the Administration of Justice, which monitors marches where plastic bullets are likely to be fired, says its observers have never once heard officers give the required warning before firing.

bullets during disturbances. ... more than twice the total fired

placed on the Government by a European Parliament paper published in April. It says the firing of plastic bullets in Northern Ireland last summer constituted excessive force and hreached the UN code of con-



The Acpo review of guidelines was launched after a report last year from the Chief Inspector of Constabulary expressed concern over the RUC guidelines and said they should be changed to reflect precisely those used in England.

Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, objected to that, but later accepted the Government's decision to announce a joint review by the RUC and Acpo. It has now emerged that the review is being led not by the RUC but by Acpo. Ms Mowlam has said she expects the army to take any changes into account.

The Independent reported exclusively in June that faulty plastic bullets were used in Northern Ireland for a year after it had heen discovered that they were firing too fast. It also emerged that the faulty batch consisted of 284,500 hullets -

over the previous 24 years. Further pressure has been duct for law enforcers.

The report calls on parliament to renew its call for a ban on the use of plastic bullets in the EU, first made in May



Sinn Fein gets place at peace talks table

Ireland correspondent

A vital piece of the Northern Ireland peace process jigsaw is to be slotted into place today when the Government confirms that six weeks of 1RA ceasefire have qualified Sinn Fein for a place at the talks

The development, though widely expected is none the less historic in that it represents the first time a British government has invited the republican movement to take part in round-table talks.

Following today's move the Government's next important objective will be to coax Union-

ists to join the republicans, the more sceptical and suspicious be taking into account their this month did nothing to alle-british and Irish governments about the bona fides of the reand the various other parties at the talks which are due to open

on 15 September. For this reason Mn Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. can be expected to do what she can, when she announces the decision this morning, to encourage Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble to participate fully in the

talks process.

Mr Trimble continued to reserve his position on this point after meeting Tony Blair at Downing Street yesterday. The Unionist leader would only say: We will see what the position is, as and when that comes."

publicans than the Government. remarking: "At present Sinn Fein have not established a commitment to exclusively peaceful means. If you are committed to exclusively peaceful means, you are going to abide by the views of the people and not

try and change it by violence."

Downing Street said the meeting between Mr Blair and Mr Trimble had been constructive and positive, a spokesman adding: "We are still working towards finding the mechanisms for inclusive talks. [The Unionists] argued strongly that confidence huilding was

Mr Trimble said that the arrangements for a new arms decommissioning body, agreed earlier this week by Dublin and London, had been inadequate. He added that this issue had to be resolved within the talks process before there could be he used to steer driverless any question of moving to substantive issues.

Mr Trimble is due to meet leaders of the Roman Catholic Church within the next few days as part of a consultative process undertaken by his party before any decision is taken on whether to enter the talks. Reports from Duhlin of a sig-

cerning republican bona fides. A search by Gardai two weeks. ago uncovered a large amount of material including timepower units for up to 400 bombs together with a radio-controlled device which, it was said, might

vehicles into security force installations.

The arms were found in the attic of a farmhouse in Co Cavan. A Garda spokesman said they appeared to have been in the attic since before the latest IRA ceasefire declared on 20 July. A man was questioned

He was, however, markedly a two-way process and we will nificant IRA arms find earlier Secret agents go to war on drug barons

Steve Crawshaw Kuala Lumpur Matthew Chance Bangkok

Rohin Cook said yesterday that he wanted Britain's intelligence services to play a larger role in combating the scourge of drug smuggling in South-East Asia. "My government has decided

to use all the resources available to it to fight this scourge," he said in a speech in Malaysia. "This is not simply a restate-ment of old policy - we will

Homosexuals and lesbians are to

be taken on a special tour of a

Dutch safari park to observe "gay"

park at Hilvarenbeck is holding

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Up to 3,000 gay visitors are world.

The Beekse Bergen safari on the subject.

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species take part in homosexu- thers' day events to show 'par-

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behaviour" among animals.

this a top priority."

"Our diplomatic, aid, law enforcement and intelligence commitment greater resources assets will all be targeted at fighting the international drugs trade," he said as part of a speech which covered relations between Britain And South-East Asia. It is rare that ministers make public mention of the intelligence agencies or

The intelligence organisations will concentrate on trying to stifle the production of drugs

ities among animals ranging from apes to elephants. There

will also be literature available

Beekse Bergen regularly

holds theme weekends. These

The gay visit has been or-

enting skills in the animal

catching traffickers as they enter Britain. To reinforce this are to be allocated to M16 and the listening hase in GCHQ Cheltenham. So far this year £42m has been spent on anti

drug measures abroad.
The Secret Intelligence Service, or MI6, is always quick to spot new roles in the post-Cold War world. MI6 has set up a "Global Issues Controllerate" to target drug traffickers which includes officers working on

and lesbians which have previ-

ously included amusement

parks and Disneyland Paris.

Amsterdam has a thriving gay

scene and will host the qua-

drennial Gay Games next year.

Up to 300 species display gay behaviour but it is not directly

comparable with human sexu-

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Bergen. On occasions ritualised

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weekend. Events will include Krant and a pressure group,

bus and boat trips during which guides will point out gay activpart of a series for homosexuals

refocus all resources to make at their source rather than just organised crime. Similar and Thailand produce the bulk Asia's jungle, monitoring trafarrangements are nt GCHQ, which monitors radio messages. But forget flashy cars with ejector sents, or fountain pens

packed with explosives. The real-life 007s in Robin Cook's "refocused" SIS may find a bottle of mosquito repellent more useful in their new mission: to combat Asia's ruthless drug traffickers.

Hidden behind thick malaria and swamp-ridden jungles, the notorious "golden triangle".

a group to assert his authority.

Beekse Bergen, stressed that

heterosxual visitors would be as

welcome as gays. The manage-ment would also be happy to ad-

vise any British safari park

which wants to lay on similar

"We cannot guarantee that the

visitors will actually see gay acts

taking place, that will depend en-

tirely on luck. But we shall have

guides on board who would be all go well."

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Leo Beckers, a director of

of the world's heroin. Protected by corrupt officials and their own well-trained guerrilla armies, the secretive drug overlords, like Burma's infamous Khun Sa, who profit from the illicit trade have seen their organisations thriving in recent

The new emphasis on com-hating international drug Dickens, an intelligence advi-The new emphasis on comcrime, particularly from heroin-producing Burma, is likely to involve British agents Bangkok. opium fields of Burma, Laos on cover operations deep in.

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the animals do not consider this

to be unnatural in any way."
"We have got a lot of land

here, and the gay people can camp overnight and make a

weekend of it. We hope it will

and answer questions.

ficking routes from Asia to Europe and America, and perhaps even infiltrating the tight-knit Asian gangs who control heroin production and supply drug distribution networks across the globe. "Intelligence gathering is the key to breaking down these eriminal sor to the UN's International Drug Control Programme in

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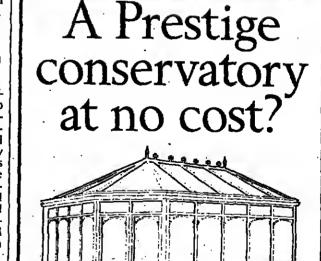
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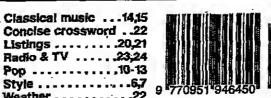
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Shadow minister's 'conflict of interests' to be reported

A complaint about a shadow minister's possible conflict of interest. between a £25,000-a-year management consultancy and his frontbench Commons responsibilities, has been made to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.

Dennis MacShane, Labour MP for Rotherham, wrote to Sir

Definis MacShane, Labout for Rothernan, wrote to Sir Gordon yesterday, pointing out that the outside job taken up by David Willetts with an employment consultancy, Monitor, could conflict with his post as a Conservative spokesman oo employment. "His new employer advises a large number of firms on employment policy issues and has a direct interest in parliamentary matters relating to employment policy," Mr MacShane told Sir Cordon.

If Mr Willetts was allowed to keep both jobs, he added, it would make a "mockery" of a new Commons clampdown oo outside

But Mr Willetts said yesterday: "Labour front-bench spokesmen had outside interests in opposition and every elected member of the (Labour) Shadow Cabinet was sponsored by a trade union. Moreover, I have discussed and cleared this arrangement with Sir Gordon Downey."

19 soldiers discharged for drugs

Nimeteen soldiers from the same battalion have been discharged from the Army after failing drugs tests, it was confirmed yesterday. The soldiers – all privates and lance corporals aged 17 to 24 – are

from the Royal Anglian Regiment, 2nd Battalioo.

They were subjected to random testing for a cocktail of drugs including LSD, ecstasy, cannabis and amphetamines and proved positive in a June operation mounted by military police. All have been discharged following the test results but two are appealing, the Army confirmed yesterday.

The findings were not made public at the time but have leaked out while the battalion is on leave before heading for a Cyprus

The drugs shame of the regiment, whose Colonel in Chief is the Queen Mother, came on the day that the Government announced the SAS would be taking a key role in the international war on drugs. They are to be involved in a joint operation with MI5 and the Secret Intelligence Service.

Teenager was probably strangled



Schoolgirl Kirsty Tidman. whose dismembered torso and egs were found floating in the River Thames, was sexually assaulted and probably strangled, an inquest heard

vesterday. The 14-year-old disappeared from her home in south-east London, in May. Her body was found nine days later near Wapping, east London, and her legs were found separately shortly afterwards. Her head has still not been recovered.

Poplar coroner's court, in east London, heard that she was dead at the time her body was dismembered and had probably been sexually assaulted. Consultant pathologist Michael Heath said: There was extensive hruising on the back of the neck and lower left side of the neck and this indicated that the death was caused by compression of the neck. Coroner Dr Stephen Chan recorded a verdict of unlawful killing.

Heatwave means death for fish

Environmental experts may have to re-stock a stretch of river after the recent hot weather killed 20,000 fish, it was disclosed yesterday. The fish suffocated after oxygen levels plummeted in the waters along a 2km stretch of the Old Bedford River at Sutton Gault,

Experts from the Environment Agency were called to the river on Sunday, where they found thousands of dead roach and perch, several hundred dea e. pream and tenen.

A spokeswoman said: "The dead fish were mostly small roach, but other fish were also affected and after an assessment we may find we need to re-stock. The fish died because the hot weather left water temperatures high and caused more reeds to grow, which depleted the dissolved oxygen levels and suffocated the fish."

Channel 5 toasts Toon Army

Football star Temur Ketsbaia was the toast of Channel 5 yesterday after his last-gasp winner for Newcastle United gave the new station one of its highest-ever audiences. The see-saw Champions League qualifying match was seen by a peak audience of 3.4 million on Wednesday night - more than four times the number

who tune in to the channel's soap, Family Affairs.

According to unofficial figures, Channel 5 grabbed a top audience share of 15 per cent. It also boosted its average for the day to 5.8 per cent. "To use the old footballing cliché we are over the moon. This exceeded what we expected the match to get. It was a high drama game and that is reflected in the figures," said a

England's World Cup qualifier against Poland earlier this year was watched by about 5 million people.

Channel 5 has bought the rights to broadcast Chelsea's Cup Winners' Cup matches this season.

Boys, 10, charged with rape

Two boys aged 10 were accused today of the rape of a nine-year-old girl in a West London school, police said. They were also charged along with two other 10-year-old boys of indecently assaulting the girl at the school in May. The four, all from the west London area, will appear et West London Youth Court on 24 September.

TV sports presenter has cancer op

Television sports presenter Helen Rollason, who is fighting cancer, has had an operation, the BBC said yesterday. "Helen had an operation last night [Wednesday], the surgery went according to plan, and she is recovering well," a spokeswoman said.

The 41-year-old former PE teacher, who was the first woman to

present the BBC's flagship sports programme Grandstand, is in hospital in Brentwood, Essex, the spokeswoman added.

The hospital - which has not been named - has clarified that she is suffering from cancer of the colon, not stomach cancer as reported earlier, the spokeswoman said. Ms Rollason was diagnosed with the illness oo Monday.

BA talks at critical stage

Negotiations to settle the cabin crew dispute at British Airways are understood to have reached a critical stage. Members of the Transport and General Workers' Union at BA are due to meet early next week to decide whether to ballot on further industrial

Stewards and stewardesses staged a three-day strike in July in protest over the imposition of a pay and conditions deal. Union leaders have presented the company with e plan to save £42m from cabin crew costs - the issue at the centre of the dispute.

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How we ended up all at sea, by rescued family

s the rescued Newman family returned to port yesterday on a rather bigger ship than they had anticipated – the 20,600-ton aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious - experts debated the ment of long voyages by saliors with little or no expertence. The dream of Don and Yvorine Newman to sail around the world-mith their six year-old son, Daniel, - in their 36ft Touchdown was britishly destroyed by appellion weather in the Borrof Bissey.

by appalling weather in the Bay of Biscay.

Sea King helicopters from Illustrious had to winch the family to eately after they had endured three storm tossed days or mountainous waves.

The family, who had sold their house and given up their jobs to sail round the world, set off from Lovestoff in July and had been heeding for Gibral.

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While Illustrious steamed into Portsmouth harconfined to her bed for three days, described their could have done to prevent the disaster. ordeal and paid tribute to their helicopter crew res-

"The weather was so bad it took four attempts—your 36ft boat is not a nice experience."

Them to even get on to the yacht. But the defor them to even get on to the yacht. But the determination on the man's face was amazing. He gritted his teeth and just carried on."

Daniel off the vacht. He hadn't eaten for three days lost everything." and I was just so worried."

Meanwhile, sailing instructor Les Rant, a former neighbour of the Newmans, said he was surprised they had decided to set sail on a long trip because of their lack of experience and lack of training.

He said: "I thought they were being ambitious. I think they only brought the boat around from the south coast of England at the end of last year. A spokeswoman for the Royal National Lifeboat stitution said anyone setting sail with little or no

experience was "unwise". SpokeswomaniSue Denny said: "We try to educate people who use the sea, by giving advice, and we always suggest people go on training courses

before sailing."
However, Robin Sjoberg, crulsing manager at the Royal Yachting Association said the family had responded correctly to atrocious conditions they bour, Mrs Newman, who was severely sea-sick and `` had no control over, adding that there was little they

> "They were in a force nine in the Bay of Biscay, he said. "A situation with 50ft waves crashing around.

to sail. "We had taken a five-day forecast and this weather wasn't predicted." He added: "We are ab-Mrs Newman added: "All I wanted to do was get .. solutely shattered. This was our home and we have

Michael Streeter

Scandal forces Joe Kennedy to pull out of election

In an announcement that could mark the beginning of the end of the Kennedy clan'e legendary influence in American politics, the late President Kennedy's nephew, Joe Kennedy, said that he would be not standing for the governerehip of Massachussetts in state elections this autumn.

Kennedy, who is 44, made the announcement yesterday afternoon, after telephoning fellow congressmen and political allies to inform them of his decision.

From being almost a foregone conclusion at the beginning of this year, Joseph Kennedy II's election to the governship had turned into an uphill struggle in a matter of months, after e series of acandals that refused to die down. Earlier this year, his ex-wife, Shelle Rauch Kennedy, published e book in which she bitterly attacked him for annulling their marriage without Catholic Church to task for the whole practice of annulment.

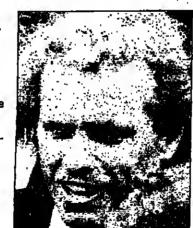
At the same time, Joe Kennedy'e younger, married brother, Michael, was investigated for allegedly having a three-year affair with the family's underage baby-sitter.

The case was kept out of the courts when the family of the girl concerned, now e college student and of age, decided not to proceed, and the police dropped the case. Michael Kennedy, however, never denied the allegations, which left the impression of e lawbreaker getting away with it be-

cause he was e Kennedy. Joe and Michael are sons of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1968, less than five years after his brother.

Earlier this month, John Kennedy Jr. son of the late president, used an article in George, the New York magazine he founded, to criticise the conduct of his

Dubbing them "poster boys for bad behaviour", he sald: "great privilege demands great responsi-



bilities." His words were seen as en unprecedented breach in the Kennedy family's traditionally castiron aolidarity.

Joe Kennedy's decision not to seek the governorship of Massachussetts, e state in which Kennedys have stood for elected posts 18 times in the past half-century without once losing, suggests an acceptance that his chances of winning were slim. Polls had ahown a dramatic slide in his popularity to only 34 per cent, following the recent scandals.

Mary Dejevsky, Washington

Catherine Cookson's £100,000 gift to university

The best-seiling author Dame Catherine Cookson has donated £100,000 to e university campus, it

was announced yesterday.
Sunderland University is to honour the 91-year-old Tyneside millionairess by naming part of its library extension "the Catherine Cookson Reading Room".

The chairman of the university's development trust, local businessman Sir Tom Cowie, said the gift would go towards developing the university's

in 1991, the then polytechnic awarded an honorary doctorate to Dame Catherine, who was born into a poor household in Jarrow, but is now one of the North East's wealthlest residents.

The gift is Dame Catherine'e second six-figure donation to the university. In 1992, when it was still e polytechnic, she gave £100,000 towards eci-Dame Catherine's first novel was published in

1950 and her worldwide book sales in 17 different

languages heve topped 100 million. Her novele include The Moth, The Mallen Streak and Feathers in the Fire. She received the OBE in 1985, and became e dame in 1992.

Her publisher recently announced that as Dame Catherine ia so prolific, new works are guaranteed for the next 10 years. The university's vice-chancellor, Dr Anne Wright,

said that naming the reading room after Dame Catherine reflected the impact of the author a first vieit to e public library, more than 20 years before she became e published writer. Dr Wright added that the money was "another

example of the unstinting commitment of Dame Catherine and her husband Tom to advancing educational opportunities in the North East*.

The euthor has also made huge donations to Newcastle University, the latest being £250,000 earlier this year to keep open its previously clo-

sure-threatened Hatton Art Gallery. Philip McNamara

Young workers affected by age discrimination

Young people face age discrimination at work as much as older employees, a new report found today. Men as young as 18 suffice from ageism, often told they are too young for e job, according to a survey of 2,000 firms. Women begin to encounter age-related problems when they are 21, sometimes suffering barriers to

The poll, by the Employers' Forum on Age and recruitment firm Austin Knight, showed that workers in some professions are getting older. Judges and court officers are getting "dramatically" older, with a third aged between 55 and 69, compared with just one in 10

The number of software engineers over the age of 40 has increased from 25 per cent to 36 per cent in the same period. The myth that policemen are getting younger is also exploded by the research, which concluded that police forces are keeping track with demographic changes in society. Last year one in four policemen in lower ranks were aged under the age of 29, compared to one in

The research showed e huge decline in the number of piano tuners, down from 7,089 to 3,281 between 1991 and 1996, but a 4,000 increase in the number of undertakers, up to 9,925 over the same period.

PROPERTY

More protection for house-buyers

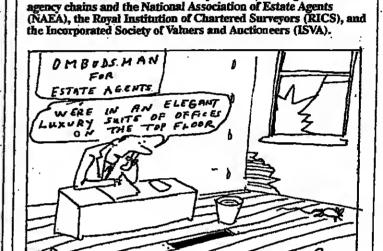
House-buyers and sellers will soon have new rights and greater protection because an estate agent complaints scheme is being extended across the industry. From January next year every high street will include at least one estate agent which belongs to the

The expansion of the scheme was welcomed by the Office of Fair. Trading, which recently issued e stern warning to the industry following reports that some estate agents were engaging in sharp practices. From January 1 1998 the public are being advised to only use an agent which is displaying the scheme logo.

The new Ombudsman for Estate Agents scheme is aimed at

making it easier for buyers and sellers who are unhappy about the service they have received to complain and get compensation if their grievance is judged to be valid.

The move is the result of a link-up between the large estate



HEALTH

Deprivation equals tooth decay

Deprived children suffer most from tooth decay and also receive the greatest benefit from fluoride in water supplies, researchers said vesterday.

A team led by Dr Colwyn Jones, from Wigan and Bolton Health living in deprived areas. They also discovered that fluoridation reduced levels of tooth decay by the greatest amount in poor areas - the more deprived the area, the more children henefited from fluoride in water. The findings, published in the *British Medical* Journal today, prompted an urgent call from the authors for more fluoridation.

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The dental records of a random sample of children were studied in three regions - Hartlepool, where the water is naturally fluoridated, Newcastle and North Typeside, where water is artificially fluoridated, and Salford and Trafford, where there is no fluoridation. Analysis showed an overall 44 per cent reduction in tooth decay in fluoridated areas, which increased to 54 per cent in areas of greatest socio-economic deprivation.

PRISONS

Sex and drugs ignored by staff

Female inmates take drugs and have sex in front of prison officers while in jail, according to offenders cited in a report published

yesterday.

Prisoners et Styal jail, which houses women criminals and female young offenders near Manchester, told inspectors that overt lesbian sctivity and drug use by some prisnners in the grounds and in the houses were ignored by staff".

The report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons also disclosed that

inmetes were given keys to their cells, but were being kept on Prison nfficers at Styal criticised the practise of upon cells, but

the Prison Service said several jails successfully used the system.

Overall the report praised the jail end said significant improvements had been made since the last inspection in 1990. Jason Bennetto

GARDENING

Greenhouse heaters often unsafe

Most of the greenhouse heaters on sale have safety flaws which could prove lethal to gardeners this winter, a report out today claims. Inadequate regulation, and design flews, are hlamed for hazards including potential build-up of carbon monoxide, electric shocks and fire risks.

Gardening Which? magazine tested a range of electric, propane and paraffin heaters and identified possible problems in 16 out of 23. Testers claimed three propane heaters failed to meet current EU standards.

Although all carried seals of approval from accredited laboratories, the report said, some laboratories interpreted current regulations differently, teading to varying standards.

Too many electric heaters were not splash-proof, giving rise to a

risk of electric shocks, the report said, adding that safety standards covering this hazard were not due to come into effect until 2004. The report found that too many paraffin heaters were prone to leaks, messy, and difficult to turn on and off without burning your



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The pound in your pocket will now buy you only one-twentieth as much as in 1947, thanks to inflation. The 2,000 per cent increase in prices since the Second World War is in sharp contrast to the near absence of any increase in the general price level during the previous 150 years.

It goes to show that when your elderly parents boast about getting change from a shilling after a night in the pub and a fish and chip supper, they are not exaggerating.

A pint of beer, costing an average of £1.65 now, was only 7p (or Is/4d) in 1947, and a pound of potatoes that cost 23 pence in June 1997 would have been 0.5p (or, 1d) half a century

The official measurement of ically over the years. prices by the Retail Price Index RPI) celebrates its 50th birthday this year, its history coinciding with the era of inflation. But some prices have increased far more than the average, according to the Office for National Statistics.

The cost of housing, for example, is thirty-five times what it was five decades ago, house price booms. Just after

in suburban Wimbledon went for £7,250. It would go now for £775,000 - and climbing

On the other hand, clothes prices have gone up by a mere sevenfold on average in 50 years. Buying a women's suit would cost an average of £203.99 this year, compared with the equivalent of £23.15 plus 12 ration coupons in 1947.

But the forthcoming royal marriage that year of Princess Elizabeth needed Parliament to approve an extra clothing coupon allowance for her

The RP1 is one of the most important barometers of the health of the economy and also a telling indicator of social change. The "shopping basket" of items whose prices make up the index has changed dramat-

For example, in 1947 - when Clement Attlee was Prime Minister. India had just been granted independence and England won the Test match cricket series against South Africa amongst the food items included were unskinned rabbits, lard and condensed milk. That compares with 1997's hurgers, fromage frais and restaurant meals.



Prices ain't what they used to be...

were added in the 1950s, fish fingers in the 1960s, wine and yogurt in the 1970s and frozen ready meals in the 1980s.

Drinking habits have changed over the decades too, as the staple pint of bitter of the Fifties has been joined by sherry, wine, low-alcohol lager and, this year, by alcopops.

The appliances whose prices were measured half a century ago were items such as radio sets, prams and mangles. These have Ice cream and hrown bread portable CD players, comp- in a systematic way in 1914, their money on, rather than rationing it Quality adjustments

uters and microwave ovens Trolleybus fares have been replaced by foreign package holidays and Channel Tunnel fares, corsets and "seamless rayon hose" by T-shirts and

In 1947 the RPI did not need to cover healthcare. In 1997, it measures the cost of NHS prescription charges, private medical insurance, eye

tests and condoms. The government started col-

when it started to measure the "cost of living index for the working classes", on the grounds that the poor would be the biggest losers from the inflation expected to be caused

by the impending war. This index included only 80 "essentials" such as food, clothes housing, heating and to-

hacco - hut not alcohol. The modern RPI was begun in 1947 and differed from the pre-war version by covering given way to lecting information about prices what people actually spent tent of beer rather than to climb twentyfold.

what a Whitehall official now are more likely to take deemed essential. The "shopping basket" of items that is included is now updated every year using information from a national survey of family spend-

ng patterns. The statisticians also adjust the RPI for changes in the quality of goods and services something they started in 1947 the Government massively watered down the alcohol con-

account of faster computer speeds, for instance The twentyfold rise in the

price level during the past 50 vears corresponds to an average inflation rate of 6.3 per cept. Inflation was negative during the early 1960s but hit a peak of 26.9 per cent in August 1975. With an inflation rate of 2.5 per to compensate for the fact that cent - the Bank of England's current aim - it would take

However, although these hours.

price increases sound alarming, average earnings have also risen faster. This means that the real standard of living is higher. It would have taken somebody twice as long in 1947 to earn enough to buy the typical basket of goods as it takes now.

Fifty 50 years ago, it would have taken 10 weeks to pay for a two-week foreign holiday, hut just three weeks' effort now. The two and a half weeks' 1947 has shrunk to a mere 11

Change or face closure, Scottish Ballet is told

Kathy Marks

The Scottish Ballet was ordered by the Scottish Arts Council last night to re-invent itself as a smaller company with a less grandiose vision, or face effective closure.

The ultimatum was delivered by the Arts Council after n meeting in Edinburgh to consider Scottish Ballet's future. The company was told that the remainder of its annual £2.12 million grant would be withheld unless its chair, Oona Ivory, and the entire board resigned. The decision stems from a

funding crisis affecting Scotland's four national arts companies: Scottish Ballet, Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. The Arts Council lost

nationce with the ballet company after it withdrew from a plan to share orchestra resources with the opera, which would have generated savings and led to the provision of an extra £2.4m for the arts by the Scottish Office.



Two dancers delivering Scottish Ballet's petition to No 10

As another condition for releasing the remaining £571,000 of Scottish Ballet's grant, the Arts Council is demanding that the company re-focus its artistic vision and move away from the large-scale classical productions that have been its mainstay.

It also wants it to agree to a radical restructuring that would help it to operate within its present budget. Magnus Linklater, chairman of the Arts Council, said last night that if Scottish Ballet did not meet the conditions, "it will go to the wall". Lucy Shorrocks, the company's

company would decide on its response at a board meeting to be held within the next week. We can't say anything more until then," she said.

The Arts Council's demands follow a campaign by Scottish Ballet to safeguard its future. Earlier this week, two dancers delivered a 50,000-name petition to Downing Street, calling on the Prime Minister, Tony Blair, to intervene to save the 30-year-old Glasgow-based

Princess Margaret, its patron for the past eight years, has written to Sam Galbraith, the Scottish arts minister, expressing her "grave concern" at the situation.

Mr Linklater says Scottish Ballet will keep the same level of grant, but should produce a wider range of medium and small-scale works, without compromising its artistic standards. Its current repertoire - mainly Swan Lake - did not allow for flexibility or variety, he said. "More to the point, we cannot

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who have undergone the telephonic treatment, 80 per cent report themselves to be improved or much improved. One 47-year-old woman with a 39-year history of OCD has ap-parently watched her condition drop from severe to mild

titled BT Steps (with the BT standing for Behavioural Therapy), was devised by British and American psychologists. Their highly pragmatic alternative to Median, the psychiatrist at the conventional behaviour thera-Mandsley Hospital, in south py takes three and a half months, during which time the patient can ring up the therapist

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From there, the patient can dictate the course of the session. There are nine "calls", or steps, in total but they can be worked through at any pace. "You are currently on call three. Would yon like to do this call now? If you would like to do this call now, press one. If not, press two." As many as 1.75 million of the

British population suffers from OCD, of which 10 per cent of cases are severe. Behaviour Therapy itself is nothing new for OCD, a syndrome marked by rituals and obsessions.

Sufferers first learn to spot whatever sets off their obsesfor the soothing American at sions and rituals and then learn apparently, a potential problem.

to face those triggers without becoming obsessive.

One advantage of the telephonic treatment is the reduction in waiting lists -British sufferers currently have to wait around 12 months for

Another is that it is tailormade for anyone who can't meet a therapist in person. "You can do it from home and you don't have to make an appointment," enthuses Dr Meehan. "You can do it over the weekend, in the evenings; whenever you are free,"

Common OCD rituals include endlessly washing one's hands, checking the front door is locked 20 times before leaving the house, and hoarding rubbish. Repeatedly telephoning one's therapist is not.

Blair's £5m drive to boost literacy

Tony Blair out education firmly back at the centre of the Governmeot's priorities yesterday, announcing plans to expand a summer literacy scheme.

On a visit to Morpeth School in Tower Hamlets, east London, looking bronzed and relaxed after his holiday, the Prime Min-ister shrugged off talk of an "awful autumn" and suggestions that his honeymoon with the voters had ended, insisting that what mattered was his Government's determination to raise education standards.

Hailing this summer's programme - which has been attended by 1,600 pupils at 50 schools, which have not included Morpeth - a success, he announced a ten-fold increase in summer literacy schools for next year. "What we want to do as a government is to say that education is our number one priority; that it really matters to us," Mr Blair said.

"As important as anything is to get the levels of literacy up for the children coming into secondary school. We are trying to get across to people that education is absolutely essential, not just for us but for the country, that it's an investment worth

making," he said.
Yesterday, Mr Blair's call for leading industrialists to pledge money was answered by businessman Maurice Hatter, chairmao and owner of IMO Precision Controls Ltd, who donated £1m to expand the programme. This will be matched by £4m from the Government. Mr Blair said: "There is noth-

Summer school puts education at the centre of government programme

ing more important than education. What is important is that people see results ... and see us delivering on the things for which we were elected ... My vision for this country is that we should be the best educated nation in the Western world. If we are able to achieve that all the rest of it doesn't matter."

One of the 30 schools piloting the scheme was Sarah Bon-nell School in Stratford, east London, Diane Wilson, assistant headteacher who ran the project for 31 children, enthused about it but warned that the root of the problem should be tack-led, saying: "Summer schools can't be there to mop up what should have been done in the primary schools. I accept that with the deprivation in Newham, a lot of the parents are not sufficiently literate to be able to help their children and for many English is their second

"But primary class sizes need to be reduced. Many of the children would not have had to have attended if they had had the op-portunities which they should have been entitled to early on."

She said the scheme was a great success: "All but two of the children significantly improved."

the Liberal Democrats, Don Foster agreed. He described the schemes as "firefighting. They are dealing with a problem which should have been eliminated...

The Government occus to turn its attention to tackling the probits attention to tackling the problem at source. That means providing teachers with the tools to do the job. Smaller class-sizes, more books and equipment, and more opportunities for in-service teacher-training."
The Tory education spokes-man, Stephen Dorrell, said: "To-

day's announcement of more summer literacy schools initia-tive is for the few, not the many. In the expanded form of the summer literacy schools, they will help only 16,000 - only 3 per cent of the total. Labour must raise their sights."

Yesterday was the final day of the scheme at Thomas Tallis School, in south London. The project leader, Veronica Deny-er, said: "We hope to see im-provement in their self-esteem, general confidence and ability to cope with the transition from primary to secondary."
Education Extra - The Foun-

dation for After-School Activities, chosen by the Government to co-ordinate the project, welcomed the extra funding. A spokesman, Joshua Hardy, said: "We have achieved so much already, so with literally millions more pounds next year we are optimistic about the results."

A survey published yesterday by education recruitment consultancy LHR Education revealed more than three-quarters of teachers believed it was a good idea but half said they felt poor-The education spokesman for ly informed about it,



Demanding results: Tony Blair with pupils yesterday at Morpeth School, where he emphasised the priority he gave to education Photograph: Phillip Meech

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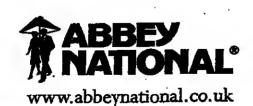
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Renaming of parts will help tell your ulna from your elbow

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Doctors have renamed the parts of the body so that there is a global consensus oo which hit belongs where.

The world's leading specialists in anatomy, meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, yesterday announced that they had reached agreement on the includes between one and two thousand new oames.

The results are likely to mean early obsolescence for familiar terms such as Adam's apple (henceforth to be known as "the laryngeal prominence") and Achilles' tendon ("calcancus tendoo"). The fallopian tubes are to be known as "uterine

It will not, however, require re-writing of the song Dem Bones which was, anatomically, ahead of its time. The leg bone -both in the song and under the new nomenclature - connects the ankle to the knee (and not the hip, as many people think). The part between knee and hip the song correctly calls the thigh bone.
The new names run to 144

pages, plus an index of the

same length, with each one given in Latin and English. The aim is to reduce confusion between doctors using different terminologies in different parts of the world. It took eight years for the terminology subcom-mittee of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists to draw up the list. According to the chairman of the committee, Professor Ian Whitmore, the growth of inter-

national travel and the expan-sion of information technology had driven the change. We want to work for safety and congruence throughout the world. It is now very easy to send a patient's notes via e-mail to the other side of the globe. It is better if the notes mean the

same when they get there. The two bones in the forearm known as the radius and the ulna provide an example of the sort of difficulties than cun arise. In some countries, the

Kelly Wood

By Charles Causley

sternal angle (formerly Angle of Louis)

ulna is called the cubitus whereas in others, including the UK, the cubitus is the elbow.

Similarly, most Englishspeakers think of the hand as having a thumb and four digits with the "first finger" meaning the index finger. But the Latin terminology gives the hand five digits with the first being the thumh. "You can see the potential for confusion," said Professor Whitmore.

Latin has been chosen as the core language because it is stable politically uncontroversial, and has always been used to name body parts since Galen, the 4th-century Roman dissector, made the first attempt to classencouraged to translate the core Latin term into their own language if they wish.

Many Latin terms have become part of the language. "Testicle" comes from the Latin testes meaning witness (to the sexual act - cf testament). "Vagina" means scahhard (sheath of the sword).

In recent years, doctors have increasingly dispensed with eponyms such as Achilles' tendon and Adam's apple because there is no rationale for them. An Achilles' tendon could be anywhere in the body hut the oew name, the calcaneus tendon, indicates that it is the tendon attached to the calcaneum, the bone of the heel. The "angle of Louis", the lump at the top of the breast bone named after the anatomist who discovered it, is to become the "manubrio sternal angle." The manubrium is the upper part of the breast bone (or sternum) be-

tween the collar bones. "It is not that we don't like the cames or the people, it is simply that most of the new lerms are related to their function or positioo," Professor Whitmore said.

The approved list of names will be published early next year and anatomists hope it will be rapidly adopted. "We consulted widely so we are confident it will be accepted," Professor Whitmore said. The international federation comprises 60 associations representing more than nine out of 10 anatomists around the globe, he said.

Walking in Kelly Wood, gathering words Frail as split leaves, fine sticks of sentences, Spirals of bracken from the fallen ground, I listen for the silences of stone, The stream's white voice, the indifference of hirds.

Safe in my quiet house I lay than out - Leaf, stick and bracken - in the hearth's cold frame, Strike steel on flint against the page of dark, Wan patiently for the first spark. A flame.

This poem completes our selection from the Cornish poet Charles Causley, who is 80 this week. His Collected Poems 1941-1997 is published by Macmillan (£20) and his Selected Poems for Children by Macmillan Children's Books (£5.99).

DAILY POEM





High-flyer: Leslie Seales takes to the air for his wing walk at Shoreham yesterday and (top right) after returning safely to the ground

Photograph: Tom Pilston



Veteran walks into records books on a wing and a prayer

Philip McNamara

An 84-year-old man may have flown into the record books yesterday as the oldest man to

complete a wing-walk.

Leslie "Dizzy" Seales spent 20
minutes on top of a trainer aircraft at Shoreham in Sussex, flying to a height of 800ft.

But Mr Seales, who lives nearby. does not feel his feat is in any way unusual. He appears unflappable, even in the face of the wind. He said: "Yes, it was windy but very pleasant. I enjoyed it very much Heights don't worry me at all."

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danger. He was a gunner in a

fighters struck his plane, Mr Seales clambered out of the gun turret, and inched his way along the

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performed his first wing walk to

save an injured pilot in 1942. After gunfire from German

fuselage to the cockpit. He managed to free his pilot and both parachuted to safety. Mr Seales last performed a wing-walk in 1995, but he could not go for the record then because

he had mislaid his hirth certificate. He has showed little fear in the face of enemy gunfire, and four wing walks. But he did not tell his wife of the planned stunt, fearing she might object and make him

Fitness fanatic is latest victim of CJD strain

Science Editor

The toll of cases of the fatal new variant of Creutzfelt-Jakoh Disease, v-CJD, thought to be caused by exposure to "mad cow disease, is rising inexorably. Yesterday a 36-year-old

fitness fanatic living in Ripley, Derbyshire, was revealed as the 26th known British case. leaving his parents distraught at the sight of their son slowly dying before their eyes.

Chris Warne, a computer systems analyst, was officially diagnosed as having v-CJD three weeks ago after first showing signs of illness at the end of last year. Formerly a keen footballer, cricketer and skier, he now needs round-the-clock care at Nottingham's Queen's Medical Centre, where doctors say he has less than a year to live.

"I saw him at the hospital. He was standing and then his legs went from under him," his father Terry, 65, said last night. "It was like that clip they show on TV of the cow with BSE."

athy (BSE) was first recognised in April 1985, though scientists have calculated that 30,000 BSE-infected animals may have been used for food in the five previous years. Between 1985 and 1989 - after the discovery - almost half a million BSE-infected cattle were used for food, according to Profes-sor Roy Anderson of Oxford

The rapid rise in v-CJD cases echoes that of BSE, which rose from a few hundred cases a year, to thousands. More than 163,000 BSE cases have been confirmed since 1985, but CJD typically takes more than 10 years to show up. In 1994 there were three v-CJD deaths. In 1995 there were 10. So far this year 13 people have been confirmed with the

University.

incurable illness. Mr Warne's symptoms hegan nine months ago when he became tired and withdrawn and received treatment for stress. Within six months he had been forced to give up his job

Royal Infirmary for tests, after which his parents were told their son had CJD. Yesterday they decided to make their son's condition public to raise awareness of the disease.

His mother Shirley, 60, said: We knew about CID but like everyone else we thought it would never happen to us. When Chris was in hospital I prepared myself for the worst but never dreamt he would have something like this. We

were numb. We just can't help him and there's nothing anybody else can do. You do find yourself wringing your hands and feeling completely helpless. But by going public this is our way of helping and hope this will put pressure on the authorities to undertake more research."

Terry Warne said that "Chris was a healthy eater because he had his sports at the back of his mind. Now he doesn't even know where he is or why, and he has never even asked what is wrong with him."

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A tiny, tree-eating beetle appears to have started breeding in Britain, threatening millions of pounds worth of damage to the nation's commercial timber plantations, writes Nicholas

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the heetles find irresistible. Forestry Commission officials helieve these insects came from the mill's stockpile of logs, which come from forests across Britain to provide raw material to make newsprint.

The commission is now checking every forest which provided timber for the mill, to find out if the beetle is present. If they are found, then large numbers of trees will have to be cut down - "sanitation felling" - to prevent the insect's spread. At the end of the summer the 5mm-long creature can dis-perse by flying.

The beetle's favourite tree is

the Norway spruce, which makes up about 8 per cent of commercial timber in Britain, and is a pest from Japan across Asia to Western Europe. "It is a very real threat,"

said Roddie Burgess, the com-mission's head of plant health. "Left unchecked, it can kill significant numbers of trees fairly quickly."

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Wildlife drowning under the high seas



Environment Correspondent

Some of Britain's best known nature reserves will be drowned under the sea in the next few decades, conservation organisations warned yesterday.

It was their opening shot in a war to persuade the Government to come up with more money and change its coastal defence planning in order to save, or recreate, precious seaside habitats in East Anglia that are home to rare species such as the bearded tit, hittern and wainscot moth, and which are under mounting threat.

around south-east England will rise by nearly two feet over the next half century. This is partly because the entire south-eastern portion of the British Isles is slowly sinking by one or two millimetres a year as the land mass readjusts to the removal of the ice caps at the end of the last Ice Age. The other reason is that the oceans are predicted to expand and rise due to man-

made global warming. The conservation groups, which include the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The National Trust and English



Ecosystem: Coastal areas such as this may soon be unable to support wildlife such as (from top right) the bearded tit, bittern and wainscot mothMain photograph: Andrew Buurman

Heritage, say that a wildlife-rich nation of storms and exceptionchain of low-lying grazing ally high tides flooded the freshmarshes, reedbeds and lagoons behind the shingle beaches of Suffolk and Norfolk are at risk. water Clev and Salthouse Marshes in Norfolk with salt water to a depth of six feet along a two mile Well known for their hirds, stretch of coast. The marine floodthey are all designated by the ing lasted for three weeks.

Government for nature pro-The marshes there are one of tection and several are meant the few UK haunts of the to be protected by European hittern, a large heron-like bird Union nature conservation laws. In February last year a combi- cally endangered in Britain. If these sites cannot be pro-

No hitterns hred there in 1996 because the salt stunted the reeds which give them cover and killed the freshwater fish they eat. Fortunately Cley and Salthouse are now recovering, and two hittern nests have been

seen this summer. John Sharpe of the RSPB said: "Some of Europe's finest wildlife sites are heing lost.

tected in the longer term then replacement habitats must be created. There is no clear mechanism or adequate money available to ensure this happens - the Government needs to address this urgently.

Wildlife Trust, said that at Cley and Salthouse Marshes the Government's Environment Agency – responsible for coastal defences - had now decided to build an earthen embankment as an extra line of defence behind the natural shingle bank.

But at the trust's Brancaster Marshes, the agency was pro-

accept that there are places where the best policy may he nsive coastal defences, but to let the sea have its way. However, they want new wetland habitats to be created to replace those areas which are lost to the waves - and since that will usually involve taking farmland out of production this

Peter Doktor, of the Norfolk moting "managed retreat" which means not maintaining the coastal defences and letting the sea gradually move inland. Computer cyberpet could leave the

Michael Streeter

What's hlue, half-bird, halfdolphin, comes when you whistle and lives inside your computer screen?

The answer, it seems, is the new generation of cyherpet called Fin Fin. And for those who still prefer their animals to be warm-blooded and cuddly, the bad news is that this techno-creature, hailed as the world's first "artificial life" pet, is predicted to take Britain by

The makers of Fin Fin claim it is far more advanced than the popular Tamagotchi, the pockct-sized product which "dies" if

you do not look after it. Although animal representations, such as swimming fish, have long been in use on computer screens, Fin Fin is a quantum leap away because it uses artificial intelligence to respond to and learn from the noises and actions of its human

"It's like comparing cave man with 20th-century man," said Zoe Tomkins, of manufacturers Fujitsu. "They may be the same genetically but they are

The new pet can apparently respond to your voice, can sulk or hide and - as in real life - gets friendlier and more responsive the better you know him. And if you get to know Fin Fin really well, you will come across his partner, Mrs Fin Fin - the order of events perhaps reflecting the social outlook of



Pet project: How Fin Fin will appear on your screen

"It's certainly more responsive than a goldfish," said Ms Tomkins. "The way you treat Fin Fin will depend on how your relationship develops."

The creature lives on the planet Teo, curiously similar to Earth, and which also gets dark or light according to the time of day, and feeds on Lemo Fruits -virtual fixed which appears on the screen.

There are, however, a couple of snags with the cute mammalhird; the CD-Rom which goes on sale at the end of next week will cost £29.99, and you need market," said Ms Tomkins.

to have a personal computer to use it.

Fin Fin is the spin-off from a \$70m joint US/Japanese into the application of artificial intelligence. The serious side of the product - apart from its commercial advantages - is that one day it will be a little Fin Fin or his son/grandson which becomes the tool with which we

run much of nur lives. "We will be asking a Fin Fin to remember to cancel the milk when we go on holiday or order some food at the super-

Fresh inquiry into Haughey's finances

Alan Murdoch

A new tribunal is to investigate controversial decisions made by Charles Haughey while Taoi-seach from 1979 to 1992 in the light of this week's report by a judicial inquiry confirming that his lavish way of life was secretly funded by a business ally, the Irish cabinet has decided.

The new inquiry is a concession to the widespread belief that the scale of Mr Haughey's regal living, spanning a large estate, yacht, racehorses and private island, must have required cush gifts from others besides Ben Donne, die supermarket chief,

Mr Justice Brian McCracken's inquiry into payments to politicians by Mr Dunne confirmed he gave the then Taoiseach £1.3m between 1987 and 1991. But its limited hrief meant it was unable to ask how Haughey afforded spending far beyond his salary before and af-

ter that period. The inquiry heard his annual overheads were close to IRE300,000 while Dunne was a henefactor. Labour, Democratic Left and

Fine Gael opposition parties want the new inquiry to examine the nature of Haughry's relationship with a series of leading Irish business figures who benefited from land and other deals while Haughey was Taoiseach. Mr Haughey resigned the premiership in January 1992 amid a row over a 10-year-old telephone-tapping

John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader senting to come maximum embarrassment to Bertie Ahern, the new Taoiseach, urged him personally to ask Haughey, his predecessor as leader of Fianna Fell to cooperate voluntarily with the new inquiry. Mr Haughey's failure to assist the McCracken investigation added hugely to the cost to taxpayers. Mr Bruton

wants the new inquiry to cover Mr Haughey's entire finances over the last 25 years. Other Opposition parties have highlighted concern over decisions approved by Mr Haughey from state land purchases which benment in the beef industry.

A final decision on the new inquiry's terms of reference is likely to be made by Govern-ment and Opposition party leaders before the Dail meets oo 10 and 11 September to consider the the McCracken report.

The Government will ask the McCracken tribunal to continue inquiries into who besides Mr Dunne put funds into the socalled Ansbacher deposits, a series of secret numbered bank accounts at one point containing E38m, from which Mr Haughey received payments. There is growing pressure for scrutiny of a large cash donation handed to the foreign minister Ray Burke during the 1989 election.



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Never mind the mockers, Del Boy's little plastic runaround is about to make an electrifying comeback



Environment Correspondent

A pollution-free, electric version of the three-wheeled Reliant Robin car is under development. An advanced prototype is due to be completed this autumn, and the battery-powered production version could be on sale by the end of next year.

The little runabout is best known for mobilising Del Boy and Rodney in the BBC series Only Fools and Horses. But its real life manufacturer in Tamworth, Staffordshire, has horizons even wider than Trotters' Independent Trading, Reliant hope to sell some of the electric Robins in smoggy southern California, where there are Government incentives to promote sales of non-polluting

The company is aiming for a car with a top speed of 65 mph and a range of 70 miles before an overnight battery recharge is oeeded. "It has got to be able to keep up with the other traffic and go a reasonable distance." said Reliant's managing direc-tor and part-owner. Jonathan Heynes, a former executive with Jaguar Cars.

But acceleration would be faster than the existing petrolengined Robin, whose 850cc aluminium engine gives it a top speed of 80 mph.

The reason why the fibreglassbodied Robin is well suited for conversion to electric drive is its weight - just two-thirds that of a four-wheel, steel-bodied car of similar size.

That lightness sharply reduces the amount of power it consumes io accelerating. And that, in turn, allows the Robin to attack the biggest bugbear of electric vehicles: in order to have a tolerable range between recharges they need to carry a large weight and volume of

The three-wheeler should oeed less battery bulk.

The vehicle uses one lightweight, high-efficiency and British-built Lynch electric motor. The plan is to sell the car. £7.000 which the petrol version



Triple whammy: Del Boy immortalised the Reliant Robin and the three-wheelers have even been converted into boats (top). However it is not hoped that Robins can prove a cheaper, more efficient alternative to sleeker electric sports cars made by General Motors in America (below)

By October or November we hope to have completed a good, realistic prototype, a 'test mule', which we can critique, said Mr Heynes, who purchased the struggling company along with two partners last year.

He will oot show the vehicle off or discuss its engineering, for fear of exciting premature interest. Even so, the company gets about two letters a week from among the 44,000 Reliant owners inquiring about the



Reliant, founded in 1935, now months. In its heyday in the

employs 110 people and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week including the now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week including the now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week including the now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week including the now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins a week after being moribuod for now-definite Scientife and produces 25 petrol Rohins and prohins and produces 25 petrol Rohins and produces 25 petrol Rohins

pany was twice in receivership and ooce in administration. aged 51, bur

with an anonymous backer and the Mancunian entrepreneur Kevin Leech, who owns Land's End and John O'Groats, Mr Heynes said: "It has always been the parent companies which have run into problems, never Reliant itself. It's a very good trading oame, and we're coovinced we can turn it

The Robin can be driven by people with only a motorbike liceoce and the tax disc is half the price of a conventional zar. For the electric version, th During the 1990s the com- chased Reliant in partnership disc will be even cheaper.

Ashdown seeks Scots vote reform

Political Correspondent

Voting reform for local elections should be one of the first acts of the new Scottish Parliament, the Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown said yester-

On a visit to Scotland to campaign for a "yes, yes" vote in the devolution refereodum on 11 September, Mr Ashdown said proportional representation could help to prevent the in-fighting which had characterised local politics in areas such as

Mr Ashdown was making a peech in the former Royal High School in Edinburgh, the building earmarked for the new Parliament until ministers decided that it would not be suitable aod launched a competition for architects to huild a new one.

Mr Ashdown pointed out that the new Parliament would have the power to change local voting systems, and argued that it should use it.

"The cronyism, the factional in-fighting, the bad mouthing, the destruction of public trust and private lives - all are products of a voting system that keeps unrepresentative cliques in unchallenged and unfettered power for years oo end.

We are not talking about the failings of one party or another. We are talking about the kind of politics that develops wheo one party has an unhealthy and unrepresentative monopoly of power," he said.

A reformed Scottish political system would lead the way towards the modernisation of politics across the United Kingdom, he added, Liberal Democrat sources argued last

night that PR for local authorities in Scotland would be in the interests of all the parties. The Conservatives and Scottish National Party would gain seats from it as well as themselves, while many new Labour members could see it as a way of ridding their party of factionalism.

Mr Ashdown also attacked the Cooservatives' constitutional affairs spokesman. Michael Ancram, accusing him of "insult, misinformation and lies". Mr Ancram had claimed on Wednesday that a Scottish parliament would create a "cesspool of resentment" which would lead to the break-up of the UK.

The Defeoce Secretary, George Robertson, also chose to attack Mr Ancram, a former Northern Ireland minister, for 'hypocrisy" while campaigning in Dundee.

"How can Michael Ancram parade as the hammer of Scottish devolutioo in August 1997 wheo he was the salesman of Northern Ireland devolution in April of 1997?

"How can be be taken seriously for a moment by mature and thinking voters when he tells them that an Eoglish legislature would open the door to instant separation when he was telling Northern Ireland voters four mooths ago that a Belfast legislature would strengtheo the Union?" he asked.

Elsewhere in the campaign the focus switched back to the economic issues, with the Scottish Secretary Donald Dewar set to meet sceptical leaders of the Scottish CBI in Edinburgh in an attempt to convince them that devolution would be good

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Boost for MI6 in war on drug trade

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The rise in international drug trafficking was identified vesterday as one of the most worrying and dangerous developments facing Britain.
According to Robin Cook,

the Foreign Secretary, tackling the drug trade abroad is to become a top priority for agencies such as MI6, customs, and MI5. Speaking in Kuala Lumpur

yesterday, be insisted that this was "not simply a restatement of old policy; we will refocus all resources to make this a top priority". In future the organisations will concentrate on trying to stifle the production of drugs at their source rather than just catching traffickers as they enter Britain. To reinforce this commitment greater resources are to be allocated to M16 and the listening base at the Gov-ernment Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham. So far this year £42m has been spent on anti-

drug measures abroad. Mr Cook yesterday highlighted the drug trade from South East Asia, and in particular Bur-ma, where he said the military government was conniving with drugs barons. Heroin is now the most common class A drug smuggled into Britain. Most of

the "Golden Crescent" of Pakistan, and

Afghanistan and arrives via countries such as the Netherlands, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Hungary. Drug agencies estimate that only 10 per cent of the heroin that comes into Britain, most of which involves Turkish drug

gangs, is intercepted en route. Heroin also reaches Europe from South East Asia, smuggled by sea through Vladivostok and hy land through Mongolia and

Cocaine is being smuggled into . Mr Cook's announcement yes Europe thorough the Russian Federation, Poland and south-

particularly the Netherlands.

Although the Secret Intelli-gence Service, MI5 and Customs and Excise will be used in the

drugs battle, Mr Cook does not

believe that British military

forces will be used in South East

Asia as countries like Malaysia

and Indonesia have powerful

armed forces. In other parts of the world, such as the Caribbean

and Colombia, Britain provides specialist training by the SAS and support by the Royal Navy

to help curb the drugs trade.

The intelligence services have

been increasingly involved in the

battle against the drugs trade

'It's not a restatement of old policy; we will refocus all resources to make this top a priority'

the Russian federation. The territories of the former Soviet Union are increasingly used as transit points by traffickers of heroin and cannabis resin. The majority of the cocaine.

which is being seized in the UK and Europe in record amounts, is grown in South America. particularly Colombia and Bolivia, and smuggled through Spain and Portugal.

Drug cartels have also moved in to exploit the political upheavals in Eastern Europe. since the end of the Cold War.

sys of purchase. The product must be new,

terday, which did not mention whether extra money was being eastern Europe. The former Soviet Bloc has made available, suggests that officers are likely to be reasalso become a major source of

signed to investigate drug synthetic drugs, such as speed, produced in laboratories of barons rather than Soviet spies. Poland, the Czech Republic, New Cloak, Old Dagger, Michael and Latvia. The largest pro-ducers of ecstasy are still based Smith reveals that MI6 has been involved in a number of successful anti-drug operations. One in 1991 began when Scotin western European countries land Yard detectives arrested two Czech "businessmen" in

> major drug route from Colom-bia, via Poland and Czechoslo-vakia, to Germany, the Netherlands and Britain. Unable to operate ahroad, the police called in MI6 which helped to close the route and convict several traffickers. MI6 has set up a "Global Issues Controllerate" to target drug traf-fickers that includes officers

working on organised crime. Similar arrangements are in place at GCHQ, which monitors radio messages. According to Mr Smith, GCHQ has adapted its operational techniques to intercept drug smugglers before they get to Britain. Liaison hetween the intelligence services and the police is conducted through the National Criminal Intelligence Service.



A garlanded Robin Cook arriving in Jakarta, Indonesia, yesterday

Walking a fine line on human rights

Steve Crawshaw Kuala Lumpur.

Rohin Cook yesterday walked out on the tightrope of his new foreign policy, weaving the twin themes of trade and human rights together into a single, cau-tiously balanced speech.

Secretary talked of the "global importance" of South East Asia and the "exciting new partnership" between Asia and Europe. At the same time, he insisted that human rights were "fundamental to foreign policy".

Just a few hours later, he arrived in Indonesia - the subject on which Mr Cook has seemed in most danger of being hoist with his own ethical petard. In yesterday's speech, he sought to avoid offending his hosts in the egion, while not laying himself open to accusations of sell-out. Until now, his main audience has been the electorate at home, where talk of ethics goes down well. In this region, things

are less comfortable. Many countries in the region are more concerned about flourishing husiness than about human rights. Mr Cook thus gave the human-rights pill a sugary. husiness-friendly coating. Above all, his speech was upheat. He insisted that the tur-

hulence in the financial markets, which continued yesterday, "should not obscure the underlying strength of the economies of South East Asia" He described the powerful Association of South-East Asian Nations (Ascan), as "a success by any measure". "No previous generation of national leaders could have foreseen close to 500 million people of various origins huilding an economic and political communi-

ty as successful as Asean. In this context, his main selling pitch was that Britain should he regarded as a key linkman. helping to build a stronger relationship between Asia and Europe - in effect, the missing side of a global triangle. Mr Cook pointed to the close links hetween Europe and America, on the one hand, and the United States and Asia, on the other, and argued: "We must halanee these links with strong ties heween Europe and Asia," Britain, Mr Cook argued, is uniquely qualified to act as one end of the bridge".

He brandished Britain's new Europhile credentials, saying: "We are no longer a marginalised offshore island on the sidelines of debate in Europe, but a leading player of equal influence to the major countries of the Continent." Britain will next year hust the second Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem). The Asem process, said Mr Cook, is "a great opportunity ... let us seize it". He offered a list of six areas where he was seeking partner-

ship. Five of these - economic partnership, security, the UN. environment and drugs - are uncontroversial. Dropped into the middle, however, came the hand grenade - perhaps the most important, because it un-

derpins all the others". Mr Cook declared: "Promo-Speaking in the Malaysian tion of personal freedom is cen-capital, Kuala Lumpur, on the trad to the goals we all share: free first leg of a five-day trip to and open societies, dynamic south-east Asia, the Foreign and modern economies as part of a safe and prosperous international community ... Every country is a member of the international community and it is therefore reasonable to require every government to ahide by the rules of membership."

In a clear effort to avoid stepping on regional toes. Mr Cook insisted: "This is not a matter of division between north and south." Taking an almost apologetic tone, he said that "no one country should lecture other countries on their duty". None the less, he continued: "The right to enjoy our freedoms at home comes with the obligation to support the human rights of others abroad." He added that the principles should "find support in both developed and

developing countries".

Agents aim to break hold of barons

Matthew Chance Bangkok -

Details of new plans for the Secret Intelligence Service are. naturally, secret. But moving, at times, outside the parameters of the law, undercover MI6 operatives using skills refined dur-ing the Cold War will have the freedom to collect data, develop contracts and m some instances, help to co-ordinate military-style raids against drug installations, like heroin processing factories or opium farms". They are also expected to record information to help. guide criminal case against drug harons, smugglers and officials involved in the trade.

Rather than taking direct action their real value in the global fight against trafficking may be the political pressure British intelligence can help hring to bear on countries like Burma, linked with drug traf-

ficking at the highest levels.
There's really no question of them leaving a trail of dead bodies behind them: M16 are far too subtle for that," according to Richard Dickens, an intelligence adviser to the United Nations' International Drug Control Programme in Bangkok. "But they can be expected to manipulate the situation on the ground to their best advantage, and, for want of

another word, to agitate."
This "agitation" could take the form of blackmail: exposing the links of high-ranking individuals to the drug trade could be used as leverage to pressurise governments into taking action against other elements involved in trafficking.

"The aim is to break the trafficking loop," said Mr Dickens, "to seize money to freeze as-

to seize money, to freeze assets, to stop the drug trade, even if that means bending morals or sending people to the firing squad in some countries."

Although the beroin which can be bought on the streets of Britain originates largely from Afghanistan, not Burma, British officials are acutely aware of the potential threat posed by South East Asian beroin producers. If UN negotiators, for instance, succeed in arm-twisting the militant Taleban Islamic govemment, which controls most of Afghanistan's opium-growing regions, into clamping-down on their people's drug production, South East Asia could reemerge as a key supplier of heroin to British addicts.

"This British initiative looks like it fits well into the global strategy we are trying hard to promote, said the Vincent McLean, the UN's drug control chief in Bangkok, who added that the fight against trafficking was "a global problem".

This is an exciting time for those of us who bave heen watching the steady rise of South East Asia's drug producers. Turn MI6 loose in Asia, give them carte blanche to opcrate in this area, and they will make a difference," he said.





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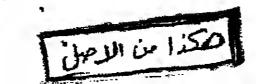
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A stranger's tour of hashish's dark heartland



Sightseers are not welcome, writes Elizabeth Nash, in the second part of her series on marijuana in Morocco

gently.

ther rains or it's misty. The roads

are had and the people are bad.

Anyone who comes here is as-

sumed to be after one thing

only. It is no place for sight-

seers," Quite so, I agreed.

Ketama — I just want to look around, I said innocently, but Mustafa was doubtful from the start about my plan to drive with him to Ketama, the heart of Morocco's hashish territory. It was 50 miles (80km) east along the Rif from the ancient Berber town of Chefchauen, but locals warned it would take three hours.

The mountain road started winding circuitously just be-yond the Gendarmerie checkpoint on the outskirts of Chefchauen, keeping our speed below 20mph. Emboldened by our slowness, young men squar-ting by off-white Mercedes darted into the road hrandishing

bulging plastic bags. Clocking a Rahat-registered hired vehicle driven by a European female, they whistled and hissed, made huge smoking gestures with their hands and shouted "Hashiiiiiiish!" as we

drove by. Others held out white clubs like those used by jugglers. What are they for, I asked Mustafa,

"They're to deenveloped fend yourself in long against attackers if your car should hreak down at night hooded on the road." I digested this quietly robes for a while, taking strolled or in the warm sweet gusts of kif, the hung about, cannabis plant, buffeting through the eyeing the window. Perhaps it was my imagination interlopers that the hitter metallic stench of "bazuko" – crack – with occasionally spiked hostility my nostrils too.

young men

The road became steeper, passing up amid pines and majestic cedars. against Rabat. A tacit agreement exists between the authorities and the kif producers that they should not plant along the main roads, but from time to time we glimpsed dark green kif fields, one not far from the gendarmerie headquarters outside Ketama.

Nearby was the town's only hotel, where we pulled up. Clusters of tall, severe young men enveloped in long booded robes strolled or hung about. Their dark eyes swivelled and bored into the two interlopers with hostility and suspicion.

In the hotel, a request for hinch was greeted with amazement. The shutters lo all the rooms were drawn, the swimming pool was without water, the traffickers - helped sometimes taps were without water. Mustafa went to buy some food in the street, forbidding me to accompany him. He returned with a flat round loaf, grilled lamb kebabs and a sheep's head which he picked clean with relish. After downing five heers

within minutes, he refused to let

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come. A wind was up and a storm was brewing. If we have to stop, these traffickers will bother you. Or the police will think you're buying, and search the car, search your body, ques-tion you for hours." He proposed a quieter route, the coast road that was more beautiful.

me drive back the way we bad

We headed north along a foul potholed track. For hours we crept along amid thunder, lightening and torrential rain or mist that appeared to boil off the road. Despite the frightful conditions in this godforsaken mountain top, there was constant activity. Cars loomed up, and as we stopped to let them case past. their occupants urged us to buy.

Groups of men loitered by the roadside, mule-drawn traps trotted by, a solitary figure in flowing cream robes, his vast lampshade-like hat trimmed with bobbing pompoms Tall, severe

and covered with a cowi, strode like a ghostly monk. Not a gendarme was to be seen in territory that tribesmen have controlled for centuries. This was the beartland of the

legendary leader Abdelkrim, whose Berber warriors declared an independent Rif republic in the Twenties. They defeated and humiliated Spain's occupying forces using the same guerrilla tactics the Spanish invented to resist Napoleon a century before -and Rifans have since

up periodically Eventually the mountain fell oart into the sea and we reached the little port of El-Jebha, thought to be an important departure point for hashish smuggled to Europe. It seemed even more sinister than Ketama and after driving by a couple of dark bars, a proposal to stop for tea died on my lips.

The coast road is dotted with little white watchtowers, guarded by helmeted auxiliary forces who saluted as we passed. Morocco spends \$80m (£50m) a year on 5,000 extra security forces for the northern region to stop drug trafficking and illegal emigration. But the coast is hundreds of miles long, and by the Italian Mafia or Britons from the Spanish costa - slip rubber inflatable dinghies into the gentle sea and load 30kg bails on to yachts or fishing boats bound for Spain.

Night fell. The landscape softened and the weather improved, the scent of mint and



Cottage industry: Hashish being processed at a farmhouse drug factory. The woman on the left is grinding kif leaves to dust

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Venezuela prison riot claims 42 lives

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At least 42 prisoners were knifed or heaten to death, and another 22 injured, in a riot between rival gangs at notorious El Dorado prison in Venezuela. In a prison system noted for its hrutality and uncontrolled violence, it was the deadliest incident since January 1994, when 109 inmates died in a riot and fire at Sabaneta prison in Maracaibo.

Kinshasa blocks UN probe The government in Kinshasa said a U.N. mission investigating

alleged massacres in the former Zaire had broken agreements and would have to wait until a parallel African team arrived before continuing the probe. It also accused investigators of meeting members of the political opposition since their arrival on Sunday and questioned the neutrality of Togolese jurist Atsu-Koffi Amega, who leads the mission.

Reuter - Kinshasa

US queries Moscow N-blast

The United States has asked Moscow about a "seismic event" 12 days ago at or near a nuclear test site to help determine whether Russia breached a self-imposed moratorium on nuclear test hlasts, the White House said. Russia, which said in 1992 that it was halting nuclear explosions, denied it had carried out a test and said it was sticking to its moratorium.

Primates on the decline

ogging, hunting and the steady loss of forests have made mates the most imperilled group of animals on the plan-. Only one species is increasing in numbers, humans, Nearhalf of the 235 primates, including chimpanzees which are hir closest evolutionary relatives, are threatened with exfection. Another 20 percent are approaching that status, said report published by Worldwatch Institute.

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Queen losing stamp of authority

Australia ready to decide on republican vote

Sydney

Australia will elect delegates later this year to a constitutional convention that will decide whether the country should go ahead and hold a referendum on becoming a republic.

The convention, to be held in the first half of 1998, will be the most searching examination Australians have conducted on the question of abolishing the monarchy and, if opinion polls are any guide, it could be the precursor for a referendum on a republic passing a popular vote early in the next century.

The conservative coalition government led by John Howard promised the convention when it was elected last year, even though Mr Howard himself is a monarchist who has done his best to bury the republican debate. But opinion polls - which show that more than half Australians want a republic, a continuing campaign by the Australian Republican Movement and the "coming out" as republicans of several prominent MPs in Mr Howard's Liberal Party - left him no option but to go ahead with his promise.

When he put forward legis-lation to set up the convention. however, it struck trouble in the senate, the upper house of federal parliament, where the Democrats, a small left-of-centre party, and some Independent They and the opposition Labor

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Party were outraged by Mr Howard's plan for half the 152 delegates to the proposed convention to be elected and the rest to be appointed by the govern-ment. For the elected half, the government is proposing a vol-untary postal ballot. Labor and its republican allies in the senate demanded that voting should be compulsory, as it is for gen-eral elections in Australia, and

that all delegates be elected. The legislation failed its first passage through the senate, and looked likely to fail again when the government re-sub-mitted it, killing off the convention altogether, something Mr Howard would have been quite happy about. But a lastminute compromise yesterday by Bob Brown, a Green Senate member from Tasmania, means it will now go ahead. Mr Brown announced he would abandon his opposition to the voluntary postal ballot because be would rather have such a convention than none at all. Convention delegates will come from a cross-section of groups.
The convention is likely to re-

ignite the country's republic debate, which was started by Paul Keating, the former Labor prime minister, who planned to hold a referendum on the issue by 2000. Despite Mr Howard's reticence, republicanism is likely to gather momentum as Australians prepare to mark their biggest national birthday in 100 years, the centenary of federa-tion in 2001.



Linked lands: Stamps symbolising the Queen's role as Head of State in some of the 1.6 countries

Canberra attacks MP's racism campaign

The Australian government yesterday launched a renewed attack on Pauline Hanson, the independent MP who opposes Asian immigration and welfare for Aborigines, when it released a white paper on foreign policy repudiating Ms Hanson's policies, writes Robert

policy, is the latest and strongest public spending on Aboriginal welfare.

move by Canberra to counter the political impact of Ms Hanson, particularly among Australia's Asian neighbours, where there has been mounting concern over her campaign. Ms Hanson has been the centre of a political storm in Australia ever since he made her maiden speech in par-The white paper, Australia's first liament almost a year ago calling for such document on foreign and trade an end to Asian immigration and

Her mixture of raw nationalism, isolationism and racial bigotry has divided Australians and caused problems for the conservative coalition government led by John Howard, who has come under fire for his failure to repudiate M

s Hanson decisively enough. A few weeks ago, the government set up a special information unit in the department of foreign affairs and trade in Canberra specifically to counter the

millions of dollars mounting exhibitions in Hong Kong, China and other Asian centres, from which Australia has been drawing increasing numbers of its skilled immigrants, to emphasise Australia's commitment to racial equality.

The white paper that Alexander Downer, the foreign minister. released yesterday, followed up this latest campaign by placing racial equality Australia's best interests."

Hanson agenda in Asia. It will spend and human rights at the centre of foreign policy, and warning that any damage to Australia's reputation from the race debate could seriously damage it in the Asian region, the focus of most of Australia's trade and the source of about one-quarter of its annual intake of immigrants.

It says: "Racial discrimination is not only morally repugnant. It repudiates

How real is Her Majesty's rule over 16 states?

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

Even if Australia decides to reject the monarchy, the "Queen's Realms" will still include a land area of about four and half million square miles. Including the United Kingdom and Australia, it comprises 16 of the Commonwealth's 53 sovereign states. They range from vast states such as the former dominions of Australia and Canada through to small islands like St Christopher and Nevis, and they are all constitutional monarchies, with the Queen and her Privy Council as the ultimate authority. Their heads of government, including the UK's, are prime ministers.

The constitutional position is complicated: when the Queen is in Australia, she is there as Queen of Australia, not as Queen of Britain and Northern Ireland, However, the Queen's authority is increasingly recognised as an anachmnism, going hack to the days when the Queen was direct head of state. Most of the Caribbean countries now want to sever contact with the British monarchy.

The other Commonwealth states are either republics, with a president or executive president as head of state (like Nigeria), or "national monarchies". of which there are five: Brunei, Lesotho, Malaysia, Swaziland and Tonga. If Australia were to become a republic, it would join 32 others in the Commonwealth, reducing the Queen's Realms to 15, hut practical effects would be minimal.

There are also numerous dependencies with a total population of about 150,000, including Gibraltar and Montserrat. They are not members of the Commonwealth in their own right, but are depen-

dent on states which are. The 16 Queen's realms, apart from the UK itself, all have governors-general, who represent the Queen as head of state. The Governor-General in Australia is Sir William Deane. In practice,

the latter's functions are largely ceremonial. Governor-generals are appointed by the Queen and have no political, legislative or executive authority. For most people the only practical role served by the link with the Queen is as a route for final appeal against death sentences. This link has increasingly become a problem, however, because it complicates human rights issues.

Jamaica is a case in point The Queen is represented by Sir Howard Cooke; the head of government is the Prime Minister, PJ Patterson, who is elected in much the same way as Tony Blair in Britain. Jamaica has its own privy council, the

Realms of recognition The following constitutional monarchies recognise the Queen as Head of State:

Antigua/Barbuda; Australia; Ba-Antigua/Barbuda; Austraira; Ba-hamas; Barbados; Belize; Canada; Grenada; Jamaica; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; St Christopher Nevis; St Lucia; St Vincent and the Grenadines; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northem Ire-land, and its dependencies. Within the Commonwealth there are also 32 republics and five in-digenous monarchies. The Queen's only relationship with these countries is as head of the Commonwealth

highest court in the land, but an appellant has the right of appeal to the Queen's Privy Council.

"The death-row Privy Council appeal is one of the most infamous uses", said Mischa Mills of the Commonwealth Secretariat. As a Jamaican - and therefore a Commonwealth citizen - she has the right to vote in the UK, but not the right to

a British passport. Fiji, which left the Commonwealth some years ago, wants to rejoin and will do so unless other members object. This would mean Fiji accepting the Queen as head of the Commonwealth, but probably not as

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Bosnian peace force attacked by Karadzic's supporters

he international peace-keeping free in Bosnia was sucked into the irreasingly violent stand-off beteen the two rival factions in Serbhid territory yesterday, as angry owds accused foreign soldiers and plicemen of taking sides and peltd them with stones and batons in rcko and other key towns.

The Nato Stabilisation Force, or For, moved its forces during the ight to positions around police ations in Brcko, Bijeljina and oboj, ostensibly to "defuse tension" ecause of the continuing power ruggle between the Bosnian Serb resident Biljana Playsic and suporters of the ousted leader and susected war criminal Radovan

In fact, the S-For troops appeared o be protecting Mrs Playsic's atempts to wrest control of the police

stations for herself. Alerted in Brcko by an air raid siren and elsewhere by inflammatory radio messages transmitted from Mr Karadzic's headquarters in Pale, outside Sarajevo, angry crowds soon formed and hegan attacking the peace-keepers. to Brcko, amid a cacophony of

screams, gun-shots, tear gas volleys and hurtling stones, the S-For troops were forced to retreat from their positions across a bridge. Later, the en-tire contingent of international police, known as the IPTF, was evacuated from the town.

It was not clear how many people were hurt, but there were reports of at least two American soldiers injured and eyewitness reports of civilians bleeding and bruised.

There were reports of similar incideots in other towns. Unconfirmed reports said United Nations vehicles had been set on fire and soldiers hurt in the eastern village of Celopek,

between Bijeljina and Zvornik. In Bijeljina, the situation was described by one S-For official as "very

In all the confusion, it was not clear whether Mrs Plavsic's supporters had succeeded in taking over the police stations or not. Western officials suggested that they

had, and that the resistance was the last noisy protest of a group of hardliners who knew they were on the losing side, but this view could oot be independently confirmed.

Mrs Playsic has been gradually ex-

in Banja Luka just over a week ago with the help of 350 British and Czech troops. Brcko is the pivotal point between the northern and eastern swaths of Serb-held Bosnia

lice stations but also of television transmission points,

The international community has made it clear, both diplomatically and military, that it supports Mrs Plavsic,

member of the three-man Bosnian presidency Momcilo Krajisnik, yesterday accused S-For of overstepping its mandate, "S-For has turned into a force that we would not wish to describe as one of occupation, but which is getting very close to that description." Mr Kraiisnik told the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug.

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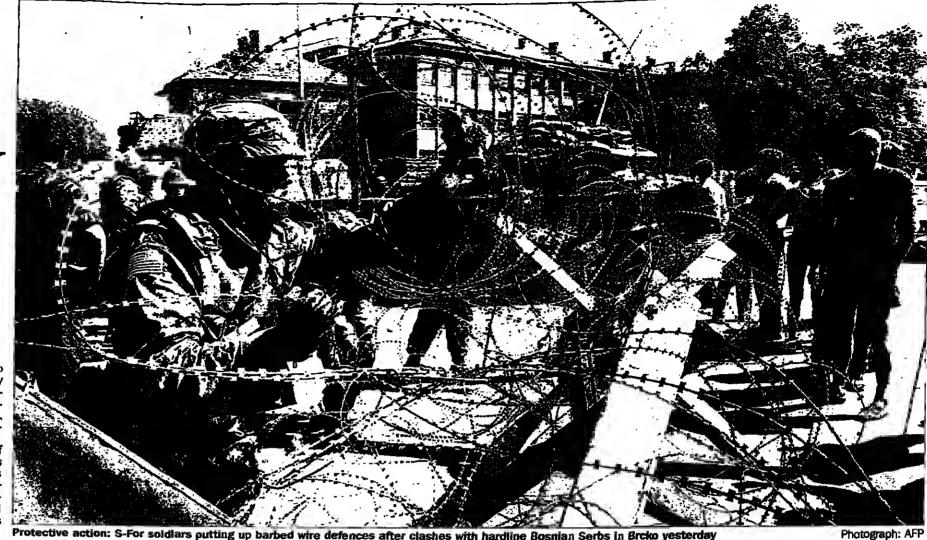
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and thus is of crucial strategic arguing that she seems more willing to implement the Dayton peace ac-cords than her rivals. The public face tending her power hase eastwards significance from her stronghold in Banja Luka. The past few days have seen tense Her men took over the police station stand-offs for control not only of poof Mr Karadzic's factioo, the Serb The Link

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Autopsy may solve deadly mystery of the Mattei Affair

Andrew Gumbel

After 35 years of silence, disinformation and Cold War paraooia, one of Italy's most intractable post-war mysteries appears to be close to resolutioo. According to a draft judi-cial report leaked to the newspaper La Stampa yesterday, there now seems to be definitive proof that Enrico Mattei, founding president of Italy's state energy giant Eni, was killed in 1962 by a bomb on board his private aircraft and not, as previously asserted, as a esult of a simple accident.

The latest autopsy on Mr Matter's body has, according to the report, shown "clear signs of ultiple lesions caused by waves form an explosion". Investigators i the so-called Mattei Affair, wich has obsessed Italy for yars and was the subject of an ward-winning film by Francesco Test in the 1970s, can now concotrate on the even more bguiling questions of who or-

dred the killing, and why. Eurico Mattei was a troubling fure for many reasons. He sing-handedly built up Italy's site-owned energy sector, to te fury of Italy's Cold War al-



was killed by a bomb on his jet

the country's oil and natural gas reserves. He forged alliances with Middle Eastern clients of the Soviet Union, gazumped the multinational oil giants by offering better terms for distribution rights, and followed a rigorous price-fixing policy intended to keep petrol and fuel cheap for Italian consumers.

Moreover, Mr Mattei both worked the Italian political system to perfection and also considered himself above it: he once said that he used parties like taxis, "paying what it takes to get where I want to go". He also acted as a one-man ambassador for his country, in particular laying les who wanted their private the groundwork for Italy's latompanies to be able to exploit er policy of clieotelistic diplo-

regardless of ethical or geopoitical considerations. His ecemies were legion. The

US National Security Council described him as an irritatioo and an obstacle in a classified report from 1958. The French could oot forgive him for doing business with the pro-independence movement in Algeria. Responsibility for his death has been laid at the door of every-one from the CIA, to the French extreme-nationalist group, the OAS, to the Sicilian Mafia.

A defence ministry report five months after his death, which was approved by the then minister Giulio Andreotti, concluded that the aircraft had exploded on the ground a few miles short of Milan's Linate air-

port, not in the air. Later inquiries were shelved in 1966 and 1974. A journalist who dug into the affair, Mauro Di Mauro, eoded up himself dying in mysterious circumstances. Finally, with the Cold War over, the Mafia informer Tommaso Buscetta announced three years ago that Mr Mattei had been killed by Cosa Nostra as a favour to its friends in the US business community. That statement triggered the latest inquiry, including the exhumation of Mr Mattei's corpse.

Kohl and **Jospin** in unity

Bonn (Reuters) — The German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, and the French Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, tried yesterday to dispel speculation about differences in their approach to launching a stable single European currency on time.

"Germany and France stand unconditionally by the agree-ments already made and will do everything to fulfil the conditions for the introduction of the euro," said a German goverument statement released after the leaders held talks in Bonn. A previous meeting of the two fin June, shortly after Mr Jospin's

Socialist-led government took power, was cool. Mr Kohl is under pressure from a growing number of political rivals and ailies to ensure that candidates for economic and monetary union (EMU) keep budget deficits under strict control, whereas Mr Jospin was elected on an anti-austerity job-creation ticket. After the Bonn meeting, the

statement said Mr Kohl and Mr jospin agreed that "the introduction of a stable euro according to the timetable in the Maastricht Treaty and with strict adherence to the stability criteria is indispensable for the future of Europe".



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Peter Noble

"Gladys Cooper was my first many of Latymer's Boys Choir love - I fell for her when I was six years old" . . . "It was in Willesden that Tennessee Williams trod on my toe" . . . "When I was 12 Bernard Shaw

gave me a dancing lesson"... Peter Noble was king of the name-droppers, Memory Man of the Movies. One might add, Lust of the Great Gossip-Writers for the ever smiling, always charming Noble never had a bad word for anyone in show husiness, onlike those who practice this tabloid art today. At the end of his autobiography (he wanted to call it Master of None, but when the columnist Jonah Barrington used it first, he settled for Reflected Glory), Noble listed all the jobs he had worked at so far. There were 23 of them, ranging from actor to journalist, and that was only up to 1958.

Noble was born in Clerkenwell, which in 1917 was still known as Little Italy, His father, a watchmaker, was dead by the end of the First World War, and the slum orphan was sent to live at the Farningham Home for Boys. His Aunt Betty sent him a copy of Arthur Mee's Children's Newspaper every week, and he spent his pocket money watching silent films at the "balfpenny rush". His favourites were the cowboy star Hoot Gibson, the serial bero William Desmond, and Charlie Chaplin's "Kid", Jackie Coogan.

This flickering foundation for future film fan-dom would later purify wheo a friend introduced him to the Film Society. Here on monthly Sundays the young Noble saw for the first time the true silent classics, Eisenstein's Battleship Potemkin (1925) from Russia and The Cabinet of Dr Caligari (1919) from Germany. Entertainment

Noble was 12 years old when he made his first BBC broadcast, one voice lost among the in 1927. His first joh was as apprentice to Boots the Chemist in Cheapside, but childhood visits to the local variety theatres had given him a taste for the stage. At 17, nattily attired in green shirt, red tie, grey suit and tan suedes, he went to the Theatrical Garden Party. Noel Coward took one look at him and said, "What a delightful ensemble!" Despite that, the two

later became friends. Like many thinking young men at the time, Noble went to the Unity Theatre at King's Cross where the mighty Paul Robeson sang and acted in a po-litical piece called Plant in the Sun. ("I sat next to Michael Redgrave", he was fond of re-



calling.) Noble immediately joined the company, did his first acting in a political travesty of Babes in the Wood, and toured in the famous Waiting for Lefty. ("With John Slater, Affie Bass and Bill Owen - when he was still Rowbotham!") In 1939 Noble narrated Symphony of Youth in an open-air production in Brockwell Park. Joss of the Star caricatured him; Noble bought 25 copies.

With the start of the Second World War, Noble, using his

chemistry training, volunteered as a stretcher bearer in Civil Defence. One day a wall collapsed on him, and that was the end of his weekly wage of £2 18s 5d. He returned to the stage as Strindberg's rapist butler in Mies Julie opposite Marcella Salzer, and

first flutter in films followed.

Noble's screen roles were so small that he seldom rated mention in the credits. He was an auxiliary fireman supporting Tommy Trinder in Ealing's The Bells Go Down (1942), the head boy of an acting school in Gainsborough's version of Tommy Handley's top radio series. It's That Man Again (1943), a prisoner of war io Powell and Pressburger's The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (1943), and a bewhiskered musical ball chairman in Butcher's Variety Jubilee (1943). A larger appearance in a smaller picture was The House of Dr Belhomme, a B-movie which ran out of money and eventually turned up in 1947 as Escape Dangerous. On the film he co-starred with

Noble tried his hand at composing music, and the song
"You Do Things To Me" sung
by the Welsh comedienne
Mandie Edwards in the Will Hay
comedy My Learned Friend
(1943) was by him, as were all the songs in the very minor, virtually unseen musical film Walking on Air (1946). This starred a shy, slender newcomer Patsy Sloots; Noble suggested she rename herself and as Susan Shaw she swiftly shot to stardom.

Marianne Stone, the actress

who became his second wife the

Years later Noble would return to films, this time behind the camera. He worked as associate producer on The Rungway Bus (1954), a starring vehicle for the young Frankie Howerd, To Dorothy a Son (1954), with Shelley Winters, Lost (1955) with David Parrar, and Fun At St Fan-

ny's (1956) which was built

around Cardew "The Cad" Robinson, with the fat Fred Emney as the plump Dr Jankers.

Noble co-wrote the screen play. But the real career of Peter Noble, show business journalist, writer and film historian began in 1946 – 1945 if we include his first book, Transatlantic Jazz. An incredible number of oneoff paperbacks flew from his typewriter during those post-war years. Small companies like Pendulum Publications issued his series of shilling film quiz books, and even a Peter Noble Film Book Club was launched with cinema books sent to members on subscription.

There was Spotlight on Film-land, Screen Survey (20 star bi-ographies with stills), Hollywood Screen Stars, and on the heavier side, biographies of Orson Welles, Bette Davis, Erich von Strobeim and Ivor Novello. He edited magazines called Cinema Monthly and Film Quarterh. He wrote the first book to treat black cinema seriously, The Negro in Films (1947), and made his greatest contribution to the history of the medium with the first ever British Film Year Book, which started in 1946 with an introduction by the tycoon J. Arthur Rank and continues in differing form to this day. This first volume is a true collectors' item, with its detailed history of British cinema and a near complete listing of

all the feature films produced during the Second World War. This massive amount of work made Noble the best known name in popular screen journalism, seconded only by Raymond Leader, the pen name he was forced to use when his own appeared rather too frequently. Soon he was broadcasting regularly in the BBC's Film Time, where he resided for four years, and Luxembourg's Movie Magazine, hosted by Wilfrid Thomas and sponsored by Silvikrin Hair Tonic. ("The stu-

dio was so cold that Godfrey Winn lent me his black overcoat - it was lined with mink!")

Then came the television years. Current Release, hosted by John Fitzgerald, used Noble as their film star interviewer. His first was the teenager Joan Collins ("I got just one crit", recalled Noble, "Peter Noble seems to need a haircut!"). This series led to The Other Screen (1956) no Associated-Rediffusion, the first London commercial station, followed by Film Fanfare (1957) every week on ABC-TV. He was seen on a quiz panel with Richard Todd. Glynis Johns and Hollywood's June Havoc.

Noble's biggest television hit was as a panellist on the game show Find the Link (1955), teamed with Moira Lister, Jo Douglas and Kenneth Home. ("I took Gilbert Harding's advice if you can't sing, act, dance or be funny, then television is the place to make your name!") It made Noble's, and he went nn to chair the all-girl chatterama, Yaketty-Yak (1956), perhaps the first feminist chat show, which sported the glamour queens Therese Burton, Shirley Ann Field and Carole Leslie. Later in life he would return to television quiz games no the nostalgia show Looks Familar (1980). Collie Knox, the famous

newspaper critic, called Noble Britain's walking encyclopaedia of films" when he introduced "Can Ynu Beat the Expert", a new regular feature to the monthly magazine ABC Film Review in March 1951. Readers' tricky questions were pulled out of the hat and Nohle's off-the-cuff answers were taken down and published. The first was an easy one - "What was Alfred Hitchcock's first American film?" - as Noble had recently written on Hitch for the British Film Institute, "Rebecca", came the answer. But he was eventually caught by Mr

PETER NOBLE'S OW MUCH DO YOU KNOW BOUT FILMS AND FILM STARS? MERICA'S FASCINATING NEW GAME DEAL FOR ARTIES ND TRAIN OURNEYS 500 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON * FULLY ILLUSTRATED BRITISH AND

Atkinson of Sheffield when he a rate of one per line, it seemed, identified Things To Come as George Sanders first film. The answer should have been Strange Cargo, but eveo the editor got this wrong, giving the date as 1929 when it should have

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been 1936! Eventually Noble's writings disappeared from the public's prints, for he was signed as columnist for the trade paper Daily Film Renter. This later coninined with Today's Cinema to form a new glossy weekly, Screen International, on 6 September 1975, Noble was appointed editor. But far from fading out, his gossip writing grew. At last he was legitimately part of cinema showbiz. His weekly column, called "In Confidence", name-dropped at

the first one embracing Herbert Lom, Michael Winner, oldtimer Sebastian Shaw's return, Harry Alan Towers setting up two productions abroad, and Tony Hancock's widow Freddie running a Brook Street Bureau in San Francisco. Noble wrote his last column oo 11 September 1992, when with some reluctance he retired. He signed off, as ever, with his catch-

phrase: "So what else is new?". **Denis Gifford**

Peter Noble, actor, producer, songwriter, journalist, writer and broadcaster: born London 18 July 1917; married first Sylvia Durham, second Marianne Stone (two daughters); died London 17

pacifist stance. I had always be-

August 1997.

Dionys Mascolo

Dionys Mascoln was a largely self-educated son of poor Italian immigrants and one of the most original thinkers of his generation. He lived up to his pagan name: ni dieu, ni maître was his motto - neither god nor master. And, I might add, neither the devil himself. Yet his Dionysian nature was always tempered by Apollonian critical and rational discipline.

Thus he became Marguerite Duras's lover in 1942: but their relationship was intellectual and liberal. Duras had married the polemical theorist and writer Robert Antelme in 1939, but their only child had died at birth. She wanted a child by Mascolo, and Antelme agreed. It was all highly civilised. The three of them cootinued living together in Duras's celebrated apartment in the Rue Saint-Benoît, and even after a friendly divorce from Anseime they still shared the same abode. The lover waited until the divorce was over in 1946 before giving Duras a son, Jean, In all their dealings the three

were lucid, but never cold. In a recent inerview, Mascolo said: We were against marriage, against normal education, against the church, against the very concept of 'family'." But he exonerated Duras, because of her aveugle lucidité (blind lucidity) that made the feminine element in her long for a child. Indeed, in the same interview he went on to describe how the feminine creative element is essential to all artists who want to leave behind them work that will endure and not be just an ob- and Mascolo, under the influject for sale in the supermarket. He cites musicians and composers as being supreme ex-

del Bosch still showed unswerv-

ing loyalty towards the Generalissimo, who for him continued

to represent the true values of

Spain. He became commander-

in-chief of the crack Brunete ar-

moured division, and in 1977

was named lieutenant-general

city of Valencia. From there he

made his scorn for the transi-

tion to democratic rule plain in

interview after interview, blam-

ing weak politicians for all the

country's ills, from unemploy-

ment to pornography.

He was still fighting this rearguard action against the despised politicans and trade

ino, who for him continued

for the III military region, with headquarters in the eastern and troops out on to the streets.

amples of masculine/feminine duality, and poets as more female than male in their broad humanity, which disappears entirely in those men who lust only for power, money and position.

Marguerite Duras's apartmeot became during the Occupation a repdezvous for resistants, Communists and writers like Edgar Morin, Alio Vittorini and his wife Ginetta, Claude Roy, Georges Bataille, Maurice Blanchot and many others. It was typical of the cool-headed humanist conviction that they thought of themselves, not as "comrades" (with all its nationalistic and militaristic connotations) but simply as "friends" - almost the equivalent in spiritual and intellectual terms of the Quaker Society of Friends.

One of these friends went under the oame of Jacques Morand, the future president of France, François Mitterrand. Mascolo joined him in the Resistance under the pseudonym of "Lieutenant Masse". Edgar Morin led a national movement of ex-prisocers of war and deported anti-Nazis, and in 1944 Mascolo began editing their underground inurnal,

L'Homme libre. Meanwhile, Duras had been working as a secretary, and in 1943 published her first book, Les Impudents, Mascolo worked as a reader for Gallimard, and it was he who introduced her next work, La Vie tranquille (1944) to that distinguised firm. In the same year, both Duras ence of Morin, joined the PCF (French Communist Party). Antelme had been arrested by the

unions into the 1980s. It seemed

his chance had come when, on

23 February 1981, the civil

guard Colonel Antonio Tejero

seized the parliament huilding

in Madrid and called oo King

Juan Carlos to dissolve parlia-

ment. Milans del Bosch or-

That night King Juan Carlos appeared on television calling on

the armed forces to back his au-

thority. He telephoned Milans

del Bosch personally in the ear-

ly hours of the 24 February to

persuade him to remain loyal.

Grudgingly, Milans del Bosch stood down his troops. Unable

ready to back any revolt.

Gestapo, betrayed by French informers, and deported to Dachau. He was held there even after the end of the war. as an outhreak of typhus kept the camp in quarantine. Io March 1945, Mascolo

went with Mitterrand, who was on the new government's in-vestigative mission to Germany, to Dachau and secretly obtained Antelme's release. This adventure was commemorated by Duras in La Douleur (1985).

er and issued Mascolo's first book, an essay on the revolutionary St Just (1946). The "rue Saint-Benoît Group" became disillusioned with Communism following Stalin's purges in Hungary and the trial of Laszlo Rajk, accused of "Titoism". Mascolo responded by writing Le Cammunisme (1953) for which he was coodemoed as a

revisionist" by the party.
During the 1950s, Dionys Mascolo's political engagement made him a contestataire in the struggles against imperialism and colonialism. When the war in Algeria broke out in 1955, he founded, with Edgar Morin and the poet Louis-Rene des Forêts, a committee of liberal French authors opposed to the conflict. Mascolo called it "The major event in the history of political conscience in France in the 20th century". He became a guiding spirit behind the 1960 "Manifesto of the 121" entitled "Déclaration sur le droit à l'assoumission dans la guerre d'Algérie" ("Declarion of the Right to Insubordination in the War

in Algeria"). This was my first encounter with Mascolo's anarchist-

shiered from the army.

regret for his actions, but tried

until his final days to be allowed

to regain his position in the army,

the only thing that had ever

Nick Caistor

really mattered to him.

lieved insubordination and refusal to recognise all authority was the natural condition of a free spirit - neither a "duty" nor a "right" but something all sane men were born with. It included the right to refuse to bear arms against ooe's fellow men. and to encourage desertioo from the armed forces. To that

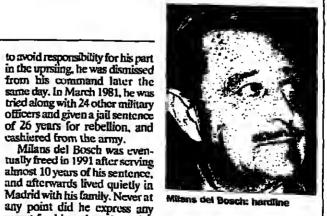
eod, Mascolo had formed with Morin a Committee of Resistance to the Return of De Gaulle to Power, with its own iew, 14 juillet. It lasted for only three numbers. Mascolo and his friends re-

mained defiant rebels against the self-satisfied 1960s, the strug 1970s and the money-mad 1980s. They supported students in their May 1968 and October 1986 protest movements. The rest of his life was devoted to philosophy, and it is regrettable that he published so little.

His long love affair with Duras was remembered in Autour d'un effort de mémoire ("An Attempt at a Memoir") in 1987. In 1993 he published A la recherche d'un communisme de pensic, prefaced by the novelist and essayist Maurice Blanchot in a tribute to the author entitled "Pour l'amitié". Mascolo was responsible, with Maurice de Gandillac, for Gallimard's addition of the works of Nietzsche, who first made the contrast between Dionys and Apollo, and called Goethe the "Dionysian mao". Dionys Mascolo was such a man.

James Kirkup

Dionys Mascolo, writer and political activist: born 1916; (one son by Marguerite Duras); died Paris 20 August 1997.



Jaime Milans del Bosch y Ussia, army officer: born Madrid 8 June 1915; married Amparo Portoles y Balaguer (three sons); died Madrid 26 July 1997.

Willoughby **Pountney**

If few countries can boast sub a rich regional musical lifes Britain, this is surely a legacof the vision, skills and energof figures like Willoughby Pontney who, first in Birminglun and Oxford, then later on inhe West Country, played a pirtal role in bringing professipal repertoire and standard to three generations of perfeners and listeners.

Born in Birmingham in 10. he became a founder memer of the BBC Midland Chrus with whom he participate in many first live broadcast trformances in the Forties At the same time, as Director hd Honorary Secretary of he Midland Music Club, he evealed himself to be an etstanding young impressio presenting figures like En-jamin Britten, Francis Poulec, the singer Peter Pears, oboist Leon Goossens, the di-ductor Edward Downes ad the duettists Cyril Smith

Phyllis Sellick.
In 1945 he moved to fordshire, and was for 30 yers a lay-clerk at New College, k. ford under David Lum and Edward Higginbotto whilst continuing to demi-strate his ability as a gifd conductor through his associ tion with the Royal Military Q-

lege of Science at Shrivenha Those who largely renoun convectional career opport nities to fulfil the exacting at unsocial hours required of church chorister and freeland conductor receive but remuneration, but Pount successfully supported his 🖹



ountney: man of vision

long passion for music-making through work as an independent sales representative and latter-

ly as a civil servant. On retirement in 1976 he settled in Clevedon, North Somerset where he deputised as a lay-clerk at Bristol Cathedral! Nailsea Choral Society, signing off with a magnificeot performance of Elijah on his 80th

birthday. To have been such an accomplished and versatile soldst and choral singer for some 70 years would alone distinguish him, but it is arguably as a cheal conductor that this reserved and dignified man was of otstanding significance, cofi-dently leading his singers ad audiences away from parade of over-familiar war-horses ito the stimulating world of lifeknown masterpieces by Diser, Schütz, Respighi, Poulec. Janácek, Jonathan Harvey nd

many more. Pountney's exciting imaginative programmes dryn from a lifetime of performing works under some of Britar's greatest conductors and co-posers not only attracted wisspread critical acclaim but ao indirectly transformed the msical climate of a considerale area through their invigorating influence on other choirs' proach to selecting concil

repertoire. Yet this was no impetud dreamer; here was a man of sion who planned far ahe skilfully budgeted each se son's innovative concerts, ne er missed or misused rehears: hired his own players, wrote for programme notes and deliver the publicity: a consumna

maestro and impresario. Few musicians can have earned greater respect over longer period than di Willoughby Pountney. He wi be fondly remembered by mu sicians of all ages across th country as one who inspired an led by example with his dedis cation, scholarship and tireless

spirit of enterprise. Andrea Argen

Edward Willoughby Pountney civil servant and musician: borns Birmingham 27 April 1910; twice married (one son, one daughter); died Clevedon, Somerset 11 August 1997. :.

tempted coup in February 1981 by officers who refused to accept the direction that new democratic rule was giving Spain after Franco's death.

General Jaime Milans del Bosch

was one of the last survivors of

the hardline army officers from

the years of the Franco regime.

His military career spanned the Spanish Civil War in the

mid-1930s, a period fighting as

a volunteer for Germany in

the Second World War, and

years as representative of the

Franco regime in Argentina and other Latio American

countries, but he will be re-

membered above all as one of

the leaders behind the at-

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pents for Gazette BIRTHS, | Birthdays

olo with Marguerite Duras: their relationship was intellectual and liberal

He was born in Madrid in

1915 into a family which could

boast several generations of mil-

itary men. He graduated as an

infantry lieutenant shortly after

the outbreak of the Spanish

Civil War in 1936, and there were

never any doubts as to where his

sympathies lay. One of his first

experiences as a young officer was to take part in the defence of the fortress of Alcazar of Tole-

do when the garrison held out

for over two months although the

rest of the city was in the hands

The resistance of the Fran-

coist troops became a symbol of

heroism and sacrifice that was

used time and again in Francoist

of the Republicans.

Lord Attenborough, actor, producer and director, 74; Professor Laing Barden, Vice-Chancellor, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, 66; Dr Yvonne Burne, Headmistress, City of London School for Girls, 50; Sir Julius Chan, former prime minister, Papua New Guinea, 58; Mr Michael Clarke, Keeper, National Gallery of Scotland, 45; Mr Robert Cormack, former ambassador to

Sweden, 62; Dame Mary Donaldson.

former, and first woman Lord May-or of London, 76; Sir Nigel Fonlkes, former chairman, Civil Aviation Au-thority, 78; Mr Elliott Gould, actor, 59; Mr Thom Gmm, poet, 68; Mr Lenny Henry, comedian, 39; Lord Hussey of North Bradley, former BBC chairman, 74; Miss Angela Huth, writer, 59; Mr Michael Jackson, singer, 39; Aur Michael Jack-son, singer, 39; Lord King of Warma-by, president of British Airways, 79; Mr Tony Newton, former government minister, 60; Mr Denniss Pinn, for-

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propaganda, and in later years led to a right-wing publication, Alcazar, of which Milans del

Bosch was a director.
So fervently anti-Marxist was
the young officer that after the

end of the Spanish Civil War he

joined the volunteers fighting

alongside the Germans on the

Eastern front in the Division

And (Blue Division). After the end of the Second World War,

he was sent by Franco as mili-

tary attaché in several Latin

American countries where the

Fascist example was influential

guay, Chile and Paraguay.

including Argentina, Uru-

Back in Spain in the final

years of Franco's rule, Milans

General Jaime Milans del Bosch

Mr Norman Platt, former artistic director and founder of Kent Opera. 77; Mr Greg Pope MP, an Assistant Whip, 37; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild & Sons. 66; Mr Frank Roy MP, 39; Ms Geraldine Smith MP, 36; Mr Dick Spring, Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, 47.

Anniversaries Anniversaries

Births: Jean-Baptise Colbert, statesman and founder of the French

Felicien-Cesar David, composer.

Navy, 1619, John Locke, philosopher, 1632; Jean-Auguste-Dominique In-gres, painter, 1780; Oliver Wendell es, physician and writer, 1809; Joho Leech, caricaturist and illustrator, 1817; Maurice-Polydore Marie-Bernard Maeterlinck, poet and playwright, 1862; Jack (Weldon Leo) Teagarden, jazz musician, vo-callst and bandleader, 1905; logrid Bergman, actress, 1915. Deaths:

1876; The Rev William Archibald Spooner, perpetrator of "Spooner-isms", 1930; Eamon de Valera, statesman, 1975; Ingrid Bergman, actress, 1982: Lee Marvin, actor, 1987; Mary Pearson Norton, children's author Jul The Borrowers), 1992. On this day: the Spanish fleet was defeated by Edward III at Winchelsea, 1350; the Factory Act, regulating the employment of children, was passed, 1833; the city of Melbourne, Australia, was founded, 1835; the Treaty of Nanking was signed, ending the Anglo-Chinese

war, and agreeing the lease of the Hong Kong territories to Britain, 1842; the Sporting Times published on "obituary" for English cricket and first mentioned "the Ashes", 1882; the Rugby League (originally Northern Union I, was formed from 21 clubs in the North of Engand, 1895; the Soviet Union exploded a hydrogen bomb, 1953. Today is the Feast Day of St Edwold of Cerne, St Medericus or Merry, St Sahina of Rome and the Beheading of John the Baptist.

Synagogue services Details of synagogne services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath

begins in London at 7.39pm.

United Synapopuer 6181-343 8989. Federation of Synapopuer 0181-202 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-390 1663, Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: 0131-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jave

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It's a matter of life and death, Mr Trimble

n a few days, the people of Scotland and Wales go to the polls to say what they think of passing limited powers of government from London to Edinburgh and Cardiff. At first blush, it seems curious that the early days of the Government should be duminated by unfinished business from 18 years ago, rerunning the disastrous referendums of 1979. This is, after all, New Labour, quite unconnected with the failed policies and ideas of the past. But the truth is that devolution was not a failed policy, simply a difficult nne, and it is essential that the husiness of devolution be completed. One of the most serious charges in the court of history against the Conservative Party is that it failed in 18 years to make the longoverdue adjustment within the United Kingdom to the principle of selfdetermination which has spread, with liberal democracy, across the globe.

There are other parts of the United Kingdom, however, where this process of adjustment needs to be completed. Yesterday the cause of Cornish nationalism suffered a setback as one of its poets was found to be freely plagiarising Scottish verses. But today the adjustment process in Northern Ireland takes an infinitely more important and more serious step forward.

Sinn Fein and the IRA have long sustained their claim to a united Ireland by appealing to the principle of selfdetermination, in their case of the

people of the whole island of Ireland. Tony Blair has been criticised for promising too many referendums. If anything, he should be taken to task for promising too few. In addition to next month's votes in Scotland and Wales, there is an argent need to hold referendums nn Northern Ireland's future both in Nnrthern Ireland and in the Republic. This is the best way, ultimately, to undercut Sinn Fein's pretence to the high moral ground, because the nne thing that would not come nut of such a simultaneous referendum would be a mandate for a united Ireland. The majnrity in the north want to remain part of the United Kingdom, while the majority in the south do not want to absorb the north at the price of taking on a mirror image of the last 25 years of vinlence.

The nnly referendums in which Sinn Fein could win a Yes vote for a united Ireland would be in west Belfast and (possibly) New York. So an all-Ireland test of opinion would puncture the romance of Gerry Adams's claim to be fighting for the right of self-determination. Once the end point of the "peace process" is defined in this way, as "not a united Ireland", it is difficult to see why Sinn Fein and the IRA are so keen on talks, and the Ulster Unionists so reluctant. This is the underlying reason why David McKittrick, our Ireland editor, expressed optimism last week



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Ulster Unionist Party, has yet in step up on to the pedestal provided, before our optimism is justified. Yesterday, he continued to keep his options open and his guard guarded, but the fact that he is talking to the Prime Minister about how talks with Sinn Fein might take place, rather than telling the world from the steps of Downing Street why they will not, is already a half-step up.

Today, Marjorie Mowlam is expected to announce that the IRA ceasefire qualifies Sinn Fein tn take part in the talks. It is certainly true that, so far, the

But David Trimble, the leader of the from the first in that there have been no punishment beatings or low-level gangsterism carried out under its

The critical outstanding issue is that of the IRA's refusal to surrender weapons. Mr Trimble stands on a firm platform of public opinion - across the UK - by stressing the repugnance of talking to terrorists or their apologists while they reserve the right to resort to vinlence. But Mr Blair, quite rightly, is putting pressure un him to compromise on the real-world grounds that there is no alternative. (In passing, it is worth about the prospects for lasting peace. second ceasefire has been different pouring a dose of heavy scepticism over

ex-spy David Shayler's claim that MI5 could have "finished off" the IRA - the only way to stem republican violence is tn "finish off" the social and ideolngical conditions in which it flourishes.)
While Mr Blair and Dr Mowlam are

under an obligation to come up with procedural devices and forms of words to finesse the weapons issue, the primary responsibility, not just to the Unionist population but to posterity, lies with Mr Trimble. All his career he has played the role of hardliner, the risk-averse route to the top in Unionist politics, but now is the moment to take a risk for peace. Throughout the Unionist community in Northern Ireland, there is a desire that talks with Sinn Fein take place. A sea-change has occurred in the attitudes of a community accustomed to achieving its goals by boycott, abstention and obstruction. Mr Trimble's risk is that the change has not permeated so far through the ranks of his own party. But he has cleverly launched a consultation exercise beyond the ranks of his party which

could cover his entry into talks. We cannot know the precise nature of any settlement that may come out of such talks, although two elements are obvious. One is that Northern Ireland. will remain part of the United Kingdom; the other is that it will have a special relationship with the Irish Republic. We do not know whether a

settlement could be hammered out by next May, the deadline Mr Blair has set for talks, but it is worth having such a deadline, and bearing in mind the prospect of Irish referendums at the end of the process.

No one suggests that next month's votes in Scotland and Wales are unimportant, but the process leading to a referendum on Northern Ireland is a matter of life and death. It is up to Mr Trimble to begin it.

Three wheels on my wagon ...

It'll Never Catch On, part 76. "Let's ride," you can imagine American roadhogs exclaim as they leap into their Mustang. Bronco ... or Reliant Robin. Now the three-wheeler, butt of British humour since its launch in 1935, is poised for a US sales drive. Relaunched as a battery-powered vehicle, its makers hope to flog it to environment-conscious Californians. (Green footnote: battery-powered cars are good for local smogs, but produce just as much greenhouse gas unless they are recharged with wind-turbine-generated electricity.) Los Angeles may be ready for many things, but we suspect that Reliant Robins are not about to hit the freeways in large numbers. Not unless they put tail-fins on.

> Labour silences dissident Scots

Sir: Sir Bruce Pattullo, governor of the Bank of Scotland, has been vilified for drawing attention to the

taxation in Scotland and his bank is

now being blackmailed because he

exercised his right of free speech.

pressured into cancelling the press

conference designed to clear his

shelved until after the devolution

opponents of devolution, and there

are many, are being pressured into

staying silent. Is this democracy?

Donald Dewar, Secretary of State

for Scotland, sacked me from the

dnubt being aware of my involvement in Think Twice and as

a warning to other industrialists to

promnte democratic debate and to

argue for a No. No vote. We have

particular, free postage, on the

grounds that the debate is not

political. The Government has,

of taxpayers' mnney to promnte their case. Is this democracy?

Many of the letters I have

received make it clear that the

National Party, that a Labour-

and a break-up of the UK.

Sir MATTHEW GOODWIN

Treasurer, Think Twice

Babies saved

Glaseow

donors did not vote Conservative

last May and come from people who believe the arguments of Alex

Salmond MP, leader of the Scottish

dominated Scottish parliament is a

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Think Twice was formed to

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This morning (28 August)

referendem on 11 September. There is no doubt that Labour

name. The report nn alleged corruption in Glasgow has been

Timmy Craham MP has been

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• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Soviet-style 'boot camp' for priests

Sir: The description of the Straud reformatory for Catholic priests as a "boot camp" is a rare flash nf unguarded honesty from the Catholic Media Office - and is all the more welcome for that ("Gay priest reveals secret of Catholic

boot camp'", 27 August).
Stroud's existence as a centre for therapy, however, is nothing to be proud of. What other institution would dump together men with addictive problems, frequently precipitated by loneliness; paedophiles, always in a class of their own in any setting; men whn have abusive relationships with women; men suffering mental illness because they are required to believe that a deep, loving relationship with a woman is incompatible with their priesthood; and men with homosexual relationships; tn name just some categories? How can it possibly claim any integrity? It is symptomatic of an ideology that knows it can cling on nnly by duress and resembles mare something from the era of the Soviet Uninn than from the lifetime and ministry

of Christ. Many of these men are the final victims of a hierarchical system that insists on a model of priesthond male and celibate - which nn longer has any credibility except in its own eyes. The image of God which the Stroud regime suggests is horrific. One reason why many. men refuse to put themselves forward for the priesthood is because, however strong their calling to ordained ministry, they do not believe that God requires them to distort their humanity in the way that has created so many profoundly unhappy men whom

the hierarchy then hides away. Hiding its weaknesses, as it defines them, is a besetting sin of the institutional Catholic Church. As all the other Christian traditions tussle in the public eye with the issue of clergy who are actively gay, I wonder when the Catholic Church will admit that there is a finurishing gay culture among nur own clergy - as any honest bishop would tell you. MIS JACKIE HAWKINS Ruislip Manor, Middlesex

Sir. My experience of others revealing the secrets of the Roman Catholic "bool camp" at Stroud is that they are diligently sought out to account for their revelations. I hope your correspondent may evade detection.

Reports of child sex abuse by priests and religious have rightly rocked the Roman Church. Its past complacency caused much unnecessary suffering. The effect of somany stories breaking within a short period means that some priest friends of mine in Ireland no ioneer wear their dog collars. What was once a magic key to every heart has now become a sport to verbal and sometimes physical abuse from a disillusinned people.

The Roman hierarchy is still in shock. It has developed a strategy of openness and candour that it hopes will resture the confidence of the people. At the sharp end of this policy is the priest who has "failed".

The Roman Church has yet to reach a balanced perspective on the whole matter of its sexually active cierics. The once overprotected priest has now become guity on the slimmest suggestion

or gossip.
In some dioceses the "child protection teams" set up as a



reaction to the horror stories have acquired the status of the Holy Inquisition. They beg parishes to shop their priest - tn report any and all sins. In one parish I know of where the gay priest was "suspected", the diocesan child protection team begged for

hlamed the people for their laxness. The Roman Church was strong tn hide its evil priests; it is doing a double injustice to its clergy now because it is so afraid. Fear has always been the enemy of truth. The Rev MARTIN REYNOLDS

information to damn the man.

When they received none they

The writer is an Anglican priest

Sir: I know two "gradnates" nf Stroud who were sent there because of their alcoholism; one still drinks, the other is possibly the gentlest, kindest person I know, whn was genuinely reborn at Stroud over the months.

Stroud cannot be judged on the basis of one week's residence. My friend's eyes are alive and sparkling with a distinct absence of manic stare. But while defending the institution, I admit that one hears that there is a "class distinction" there between the drinkers and the men with an altar-boy problem. This is born, I suspect, out of the homophobia which is still present in the attitudes of many in the church and which regards hnmosexuality and paedophilia as

virtually synonymous.

Gay men should not be sent to
Stroud. Equally, if they have been blessed with a vocation and ordained, they should ideally acknowledge their sexuality but also embrace celibacy. PAUL SMITH London N5

Sir: You publish an account by a priest of his week at Stroud, which rings true to what many know

Unfortunately, along with his factual report he includes a rumour about two people I know well which is cruelly inaccurate: it is true that four years ago one nf the resident priests committed suicide. The trigger was not an abortion, but the simple fact that his girlfriend lost their baby through "natural causes"

exactly four years ago today.
In fact, "natural causes" hides the truth that this woman, who had tn abandon her jnb and her hnuse because of a difficult pregnancy, was strongly discouraged from seeing the baby's father. When she insisted, she found him reduced and broken, but was prevented . from speaking to him alone. Soon after this, she lost the baby, and a week later she lost him. The Rev JOHN KELLY

Centuries old

Sir: Correspondence nn past longevity (Letters, 22, 26 August) reminds me of an ancestor, Elizabeth Hobbs, who, as recorded on her tombstone at Little Wilbraham, near Cambridge, had lived in three centuries, the 17th, 18th and 19th, when she died in 1803 at the age of 104. What was a rare achievement 200 years ago will doubtless be celebrated by many on the turn of this century. DAVID BUTLER Oxford

Citizenship for our colonies

Sir: It is reported that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary has ordered a review of Britain's

relations with its colonies. A measure that would restore confidence would be to give back tn colonial citizens the parity of citizenship that as citizens of the UK and Colonies they formerly

enjoyed with UK citizens. The British Nationality Act (1981), which reclassified those of us connected with the UK as British citizens, created a new **British Dependent Territories** citizenship for colonials, which does not give a right of abode in Britain. This was entirely because nf the perceived need to stop immigration from Hong Kong. The few thousand other remaining colonial citizens were not seen to

present a problem. Full British citizenship has since been accorded to Falkland islanders. With Hong Kong no longer being a British colony – and yet another designation of British National (Overseas) having been devised for its citizens who wish to retain a form of British nationality there can be no rational impediment to giving full British citizenship to our few remaining coloniais. DEREK W PARTRIDGE

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Cruel to be 'kind' to cats

Sir: Ynur juxtaposition of catrelated photographs by Richard Billingham depicting dysfunctional family life in Britain ("Snn's stark portrait of a family at war". 25 August) vividly shows how this nation of alleged "animal lovers"

often treats its pets. One phnto shows a cat in midair, presumably having been thrown across a room, while annther shows the intimidating figure of Billingham's mother tenderly

feeding a tiny kitten with a pipette. Your article states: "the emaining impression is one of horror, squalor, but also occasional compassinn". I assume this choice of photos was selected in portray this perception when, in fact, it illustrates exactly the opposite.

Last year the Cats Protection eague rescued more than 67,000 homeless and abused cats and kittens - and it is certain that the vast majority of those started life like that kitten hut ended up like that cat.

It is fortunate that these impressive photographs will go on public display at The Royal Academy nn 18 September, right in the middle of our fifth National Cat Week (15-21 September). This unexpected but vivid portrayal nf feline abuse is both timely and, unhappily, deadly accurate. MIKE McCAWLEY Chief Executive

The Cats Protection League Horsham, West Sussex

Sir: As participants and supporters of the Musa Anter Peace Train initiative, we are deeply concerned by the statement by the Minister of the Interior of the Federal Republic of Germany that the train will be stupped at the Belgian border. This is a serious cortailment of the freedom nf movement of citizens, enshrined in European Union law. More serinusly, it obstructs efforts to secure a peaceful and just political solution in the Kurdish question in

Kurdish peace

train plea

Turkey. Germany's decision encourages the Turkish state to refuse any negotiations with Knrdish political parties. In the Kurds it sends the message that Turkey has powerful friends in Europe who are more concerned about military and commercial links with a Nato ally than peace. By halting the Musa Anter Peace Train, Germany is helping in prolong the suffering of the Kurdish people. The UK government should pursue within the European Union

both the matter of the infringemen of the rights of its own citizens and the EU's failed policy of gently persuading Turkey to improve its human rights record. ESTELLA SCHMID; FRANCES D'SOUZA, director Article 19. CHRISTINE BLOWER, NUT President, DAVID MCDOWALL, Lord REA, Lord HYLTON, JOHN AUSTIN MP; CYNOG DAFIS MP; MICHAEL FRENEY, Refugee advises to Cardinal Hume; TOM COX MP; RUDI VIS MP; JUDITH VIDAL

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from rubella Sir: Your article "The truth about

the MMR jah" (26 August) raises important concerns, and Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, supports the need for further research. However, it should be emphasised that the rubella vaccine has been highly successful in reducing the incidence of rubella in pregnant women, and the consequent devastating effects on unborn children.

Between 1990 and 1995, fewer han 25 babies were born in the United Kingdom with congenital rubella syndrome (CRS). This contrasts with 360 between 1971 and 1975. Many of these children were born both deaf and hlind, often with additional heart, brain and physical impairments, and facing enormous challenges in coming to terms with the world. RODNEY CLARK Chief Executive

Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association London N3

Military manners Sir: It was inevitable that the Army would soften its treatment of recruits (report, 25 August), but it is sad that we may never hear again an angry sergeant abusing an awkward recruit with "Why did your muvver have you? Was it just

o annoy me?" Mindless abuse to some, no doubt, but others may feel a tinge of sorrow at the passing of s tradition, JKC HENDERSON Fetcham, Surrey

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The Minister for Curing Illness Inclusion

Britain has its first ever Minister for Public Health in Tessa Jowell, who is seeking to prevent illness by ending 'social exclusion'. **Jeremy Laurance** accompanied her to Birmingham where he found a few worthy projects in action and wondered if

they could really be

extended nationwide



lessa Jowell with local GP Stephen Field on a visit to the Bellevue Medical Centre and its surrounding estate in Birmingham

ook at that," says Tessa Jowell, stopping hegin the process of putting flesh on the bones of the Government's pledge to tackle health inequalities. Last week, The entourage of health authority offi-Peter Mandelson announced that he would be chairing a new cabinet com-

lic Health stops too. Obediently, we scan the ground for used condoms, will, in time, shape the new policy. syringes or worse - evidence of last Labonr urgently needs this material to prove that its pledge is more than just warm words. As the honeymoon with night's activity in this unsavoury coroer of inner-city Birmingham. But Ms Jowell's gaze is raised to the tower block in the electorate comes to an end, critics are questioning how much the Minister for Public Health, Britain's first, can

mittee set up to examine ways of over-

coming social exclusion. Ms Jowell is already ont gathering the material that

dead in the street.

cials, civil servants, doctors and health

visitors following the Minister for Pub-

Its upper floors apparently abandoned, it rises behind another "blinded"

three-storey huilding with doors and

windows boarded up. It takes a second-

or two to follow the minister's gaze, and

then we see it - a balcony, half-way up

the tower, festooned with plant pots. Geraniums and spider plants in profu-

That shows the strength of the human

This sort of thing impresses the

and transparently sincere - and she

inspect is almost speechless with delight.

A solemn GP expresses frank surprise

at the seriousness with which his views

are sought and, apparently, heard.

front of us.

against hleak reality.

then the entourage moves on.

achieve without a budget of her own. When challenged on the lack of money, the minister's normally sweet demeanour acquires a steely edge. She brusquely dismisses any suggestion of a threat to her credibility. "We start by saying we are going to do it [tackle inequalities] and then we set about sion indicate, not just a human pres-ence, hut a human imagination pitted doing it. That is a defining aspect of this government. Today is about charting that journey. There are no short-term spirit," observes Ms Jowell. There is a solutions. It will take a long time and require sustained and determined respectful pause, a murmur of assent, and

So how is it to be done? The journey natives. Ms Jowell is warm, committed today begins in a leisure centre on the fringes of a deprived area of Birmingcharms everyone she meets. A health ham where seriously overweight, unfit visitor whose project she has come to people who would never have contemplated visiting a gym are being enticed into twice-weekly sessions on an exercise hike by an innovative scheme known as "exercise on prescription". The minister is in Birmingham to Instead of writing out prescriptions for drugs, local GPs can now prescribe a series of sessions at the centre, and patients get personal attention from trained experts who devise individual

programmes to suit them. Ms Jowell, wearing a powder hlue shift dress, poses gamely for photographers astride an exercise hike, trying to preserve her dignity while chat-ting to Cath Hughes, a large, cheerful lady of 48 who has suffered from arthritis for 10 years, and Ann Clough, 52, who has reduced her weight from 17 stones to 11 stones since coming to the centre. Both are now enthusiastic and regular attenders. Ms Hughes said: "I had never been in a gym hefore, I hadn't the confidence. I thought you needed to get into a leotard first."

The minister was impressed. Here was an example of needy people being helped to use a normal public facility that they would never otherwise have visited. Overcoming social exclusion was not about providing some expen-sive, specialist facility which perpetuated the exclusion. Nor was it just about poverty. It was about helping the 30 per cent of people who felt excluded from society by creating routes back into the mainstream.

Outside the centre, she said: "These are women for whom exercise and get-ting into exercise kit are as alien as paragliding. They are people who are as unfit as it is possible to measure – who can't walk 50 yards on the flat with-out getting out of breath – and who, without help, will become chronically disabled in later life. The task for goverament is understanding how to clear the pathways that will take people into facilities that already exist.

"Creating routes into the mainstream" could become Tessa Jowell's mantra. She repeated the phrase several times during the day. It is also, helpfully, low cost. Spending should be required only at the margin, because all the facilities are already there.

All the Government's efforts, if you look at how they develop in practice, are about finding routes into the mainstream, she says.

he idea fits with the personality.

Ms Jowell is a naturally inclusive politician. She has an uncanny knack of making whoever she is talking to feel that they are the only person in the world for her at that moment. It is a quality that can be misinterpreted. especially by men. She is a tactile (more than a tactical) politician, which is what makes her so effective on these walkabouts, greeting strangers with a squeeze of the arm, hugging former col-leagues and listening with the practised care of a psychintric social worker (she qualified as one in the early Sevenues, and was later assistant director of the mental health charity Mind).

But she is also hard-working, deter-mined and ambitious; and that gives her an edge that can surprise the unwary. The next stop on our tour is a meeting at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital where a posse of the local great and good, including the Bishop of Birming-ham, have turned out to present their plan for a £1m gymnasium for the hospital. They hope to win a lottery grant and run the gym as a commercial venture, open to the public, to defray the cost of providing it as a service to

Ms Jowell is attentive throughout the presentation and asks polite questions afterwards. Most of those at the meeting appear to feel that their plans have been well received. Only those familiar with the minister's normal effusiveness will have suspected her of lacking enthusiasm. The drawback with the scheme, and its proponents are quite open about this, is that it is opportunistic – geared first to tapping into an available source of money and secondly to meet a perceived need, rather than the other way about the other way about.

The acid test, in the minister's eyes, is that a project should be focused on assisting a specific group of the disadvantaged to gain some benefit in a way that reduces, rather than increases, their separateness from the rest of society. Merely opening the doors of a hospital fitness centre to the general public - which will attract the leotardclad already-fit because it is cheaper than the private gym down the road is not the way to tackle social exclusion. It is the sort of woolly do-goodism that leaves Ms Jowell unimpressed.

The virtue of the hospital's scheme is that there is an identifiable source of money - the lottery - to pay for it. Ms Jowell displayed a curious lack of inter-est in the cost of the schemes she visited in Birmingham, not once asking how much money was involved or how it was raised. Yet officials privately conceded that in the case of the exerciseon-prescription project, which involved huilding an extension tu the leisure centre eventually paid for by the health authority, there were fierce local hattles about how the bill would be met. A second project - providing inter-preters to work with Bangladeshi firsttime mothers in a part of the city where the perinatal death rate is twice the national average - cost £80,000. The organiser of that scheme disclosed this only after the minister had left the room

wiping her hand across her hrow as she did so to indicate the trouble she had had funding it (by not filling health

visitor posts as they fell vacant) In a tower block next to the Bellevue Medical Centre, the next stop on the tour, a flat formerly occupied by a crack cocaine addict has been taken over and converted into an improvised com-munity centre. After receiving a lick of

munity centre. After receiving a lick of paint, the contre now offers a thriving after-school club for local children, plus basic health services such as a postnatal support group.

Here, too, however, the funding is a problem. For what appears to be principally a social service is in fact paid for hy the NHS. Bryan Stoten, chairman of the health authority, decided to step in out of despair at the local authority's failure to act. "It seemed to me someone had to do something. I have a slush fund, and I threw pixie dust over it. There had to be a health gain in there somewhere." somewhere.

Those who met Ms Jowell were impressed by her preparedness to recognise that health is broader than the health service. As Dr Stephen Field, a GP in the Bellevue centre, whose practice area is home to drug dealers and prostitutes, told her: "The NHS is scratching the surface. Only by working across boundaries will we .

achieve anything."

This will be the real test for Ms Jowell - whether she can get departments, with their jealously guarded separate fiefdoms, to join forces and share hudgets, both nationally and locally. Without a budget of her own, providing the funds to drive change will depend on

borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. The challenge will also be to extend local successes into the national arena. She says: "There is no one answer. Some will be Government-led, some local partnerships, and some about individual responsibility. We have to get beyond the extraordinary examples of projects led by a few shining individuals and make them commonplace."

In Birmingham, as elsewhere, the best projects are run by a single powerful personality with the vision and drive to carry it through. Repeating their successes elsewhere is never going to be

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Exclusive! Diana tells all to the Hungarians

s must be quite A apparent by now, Princess Diana's scorn for the British press is equalled only by her respect for the foreign media, which treat her with the fairmindedness she craves. She will not speak her mind to a Fleet Street man, but will open her heart to the man from *Le Monde*.

In fact, I might well never have secured the exclusive interview with her which follows, had I not taken the precaution of masquerading as a Hungarian journalist and requesting an interview on behalf of a Budapest

I do not in fact speak any Hungarian, hut neither. I surmised, does the Princess. And after some time spent in the company of the late George Mikes, I felt I could assume a convincing

Hungarian accent. The interview took place in the fine furnishings department of Harrods, a large store in central London.

Your Highness, perhaps if you were to sit here on this sofa which is marked Now Only £1,770', and if I were to stand to attention beside you ... my native Hungary. I have sunk out of sight down this end Oh, but that is not fair. You

should not stand if I am sitting.

But you are royalty ... You are Your Highness ... I am only My Lowness.

Yes, I know, but I have always felt a special sympathy for those who were in n more difficult situation than myself. such as you. Victims of circumstances. People who, for no fault of their own, had to suffer. Why I should feel a special sympathy for the innocent victims of society's cruelty I have no idea, but

there you are ... So it would make you feel a lot better if I were to sit down? Oh, yes! I would feet a lot better! My tears would dry! My eyes would lose their photogenic moistness! I would force a smile to my lips! I would face the light to give maximum chance of a

good exposure for any passing photographer!

I thought you hated passing photographers? I do. But one most be

ready at all times. Good. Very well then. I will Scat noself.
Where have you gone? I am afraid we do not have

sofas as rich and soft as this in

Miles Kington

... Perhaps I will stand after

Very well. But watch where you stand. You never know what you might stand on. Realty? You are thinking of? Land-mines, Land-mines? They sell land-

mines here in Harrods? No, I dun't think so, hut the possibility of land-mines is never far from my thoughts. Do you have land-mines in

Hungary?
I don't know. I have never needed to acquire one. I know a man in Buda who claims he can get anything at 24 hours' notice, but this is something I have never asked for

ask for one. If you knew anything about land-mines, you would realise the damage caused world-wide is ... Yes, yes, but I do not think nry readers in Hungary will be

interested in land-mines. It is not one of our preoccupations. What, then, would your readers in Hungary be interested in? Would they be interested in what I feel about

the last government?
Well, we do not change governments very often in Hungary, and I am not sure how many people remember the last government. No, no. I was talking about

the last British government. Oh no. I don't think we would be interested in that, However, if you wish to say something off the cuff that would be caught by the world's press agencies und flashed round the tabloids under the headline 'DI'S CLANGER' I ant lappy to oblige.

Very well. Here we go. As far as the previous government is concerned. I could not stand John Majur. He talked incessantly about cricket as if it mattered. Hınm ... This might be difficult in Hungary, where

make that water polo? Polo is not my favourite

Water polo has nothing to do with horses, Your Highness. For water polo you do not stand around ship ering on cold, windswept fields, making idle conversation to aristocratic oafs. You stand shoulder to shoulder with ecstatic crowds in warm, echoing swimming stadia, roaring your side on ... t do not think I would

entirely enjoy that. It is not easy for someone like me to mingle easily with a crowd when one is, alas, so easily

No danger of that in Hungary, your ladyship. No one would have the faintest idea who vou were.

Oh. I don't think I would like that very much ... Dodi s a funny name. Pardon?

Dodi is a funny sort of namc. Where does it come from?

Just a moment, what has happened to your Hungarian

The full transcript of this interview, which lasted a little while longer, can be obtained from me, subject to normal we do not have cricket. Can I

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eoeral Vernon Walters, the distinguished and polyglot American soldier diplomat whom George Bush made ambassador in Bonn, used to enjoy recounting the remark made to him at a Washington dinner by a senior Soviet armed forces figure accompanying Mikhail Gorbachev oo his first visit to the US. "For 40 years," said the eminent Communist general, a World War II veteran, "I have been reading the KGB's top secret reports on your country. But I have learned so much more in the last 48 hours."

This story tells you more aboot détente than the quality of Soviet Intelligence. It's nev-ertheless a graphic illustration of how the thawing of the Cold War transformed the role of the War transformed the role of the great intelligence services of East and West: how it changed the rules of the Great Game itself. Which was why in 1992 it was no longer remotely sensible, if it ever had been, for MI5 to the bearing line flar on Peter be keeping live files oo Peter Mandelsoo because be bad once, in the early 1970s, been a member of the Young Communist League. Did it also, for example, keep files on Denis Healey, an ex-Chancellor and Defence Secretary, who had also never made a secret of his yonthful membership of the Communist Party? It now looks a little more possible, in the wake of the scattergun, and in

altogether possible that the answer, repre-bensibly, will be yes.

But that isn't the main point. Shayler may be a rather flaky witness. He doesn't seem to be quite sure whether the main fault of his former employers was that they were too cautious or oot cautious enough. But by telling us at least a few things we didn't know, be has dramatised the central problem of the intelligence agen-cies: their chronic lack of accountability to the

taxpayers whose money keeps them in business and whom they are there to protect. And that problem becomes more, rather than less, acute now that the fall of the Berlin wall has made a lot of what the security services' paymasters are being protected from, if oot less substantial, at least less obvious.

rity services. MI6 has employed some outstandingly brave public servants, as different as it's possible to be from the gross, bibulous bully depicted in John Le Carré's latest novel The Tailor of Panama. And anyone who thinks that high quality, secretly acquired intelligence shouldn't have been deployed against the IRA is living in a sentimental dream world. Shayler's claim that MI5 could have somebow stopped IRA terrorism in its tracks if it bad been less bureaucratic is easily the least convincing he has made; what evidence there is suggests that the security services - which have a record of sifting and analysing complex data which the police acknowledge they doo't have - have been successful in Northern Ireland. Senior police officers also attest to some early successes for MI5, using the same skills, in its more recently conferred lead role against organised crime. Which suggests that Robin Cook may have been sensible yesterday to outline an important role for MI6 in the war

against international drug trafficking. State-



Donald Macintyre

How much of what MI5 and MI6 are doing shouldn't be done at all, or should be done by someone else?

some cases rather vague, revelations by the ex-M15 agent
David Shayler, that we will find out. And it is things – like stealing other countries' negotiating briefs at international summits - to do now the Cold War is over? It is in no one's interest not to know the answers. And it simnly isn't credible that the services could not do

ism remains a poteot threat.

Even postwar Russia remains an

unstable geopolitical force. If

British troops are in Bosnia, so too should be British intelli-

ence. And so on. But precisely

because so much of what the

security services do goes oo in the dark, and because at least

some of its surveillance will inevitably cover those innocent

of any threat to the security of

the state, they need to be sub-

jected, as agencies, to more, rather than less, scrutiny.

Looking at the money would be a good start. The obscurity

behind which the security ser-

vices allocate their resources makes it impossible to ask the

crucial questions, How much of what MI5 and MI6 are doing is

what they're good at? And how much of it either shouldn't be done at all, or should be dooc

by someone else? The security and intelligence services admit, under the Cabinet Office head-

ing of "administration and operations", to spending £713m this year, rising to £776m in 1999-2000. But is that the whole pic-

ture? And how is it, as most Treasury officials suspect, that

this expenditure has increased

since the mid-1980s while the defence budget has gone down

from something like 5 per ceot of GDP to around 3.5 per cent?

Have the services been spend-

ing more on necessary counter-

ply isn't credible that the services could not do more to break their spending down publicly without compromising operational security. As it happens the new government has taken the bold step – which rather surprisingly it bas not yet announced – of submitting the intelligence services to one of the comprehensive spending reviews ordered by Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling. An interdepartmental committee is currently seeking to expose them to zero-based budgeting, a Treasury discipline which asks the department or agency conwhich asks the department or agency con-cerned to explain from first principles the value of everything it does. But ministers will have to be tough; when an effort was made from within the Treasury to do the same thing in the 1980s, it foundered when the security services. almost certainly with Margaret Thatcher's backing, put the shutters up.

There is more: either the forthcoming Freedom of Information Bill, or forthcoming Data Protectioo Bill, or both, should afford a right, even if it hedged by oational security exemptions, to citizens to inspect their own files. And the parliamentary scrutiny committee, which reports directly to the Prime Minister, and seems to be able to uncover oot very much, at least in public, should be given a much enhanced

role, with the obligation to report to Parliament. John Major's record on these issues is not discreditable. He made the services avow themselves. He set up some scrutiny, bowever rudimentary. Now the challenge for Labour is to give them at least the transparency that surrounds the CIA in the US. This is in the interests of the security services themselves. And the brightest and the best in MI5 and MI6

Slagging off the sexually voracious

easy in our beds oow that the advert which most complaints this year -309 - has been banned. A replacement advert, for low-calorie Lucozade, also features the "Fat Slags" cartoon characters, but it has been changed. Instead of saying "O mercy, it's the Fat Slags", it will oow say "O mercy, it's Sandra and Tracey".

Does a slag by any other name smell as foul, I wonder? Does calling these characters Sandra and Tracey rehabilitate them into respectability? Is this not yet another significant victory for womanhood?

It is hard to know which word has caused the most offence -"fat", or "slag". Both words are used oo television. The word "slag" features in many a line of soap opera dialogue, as in,
"Who you calling a slag? You
slag." But the use of the word in
an advert is considered inappropriate for television advertising, according to the Independent Television Commission.

For those of you who don't know, the Fat Slags are a creation of the adult comic Viz. They are, in the prim description of the Telegraph, "large, lewd and under-dressed" - Sandra and Tracey are appetites on legs, in fact. They like sex, particularly in alleyways, and chips, cigarettes and alcohol. Their clothes are too tight, they decorate their legs with purple hlotches, they give up their babies for adoption rather than have a night in. I happen to think they are rather funny. Not everyone does. The Fat Slags embody, we are told, every cliché about women. They are a male invention that stereotypes women, that enables men to laugh at us. Anyhow, you wouldn't want your children learning the word "slag" off the TV when they could be learning it at school now, would you?

Such an argument makes that once something appears on television it is given a level of societal approval. But, as always with this type of discussion, a dreadful literalism creeps in that is ignorant of context. The result is that we end up barming an ad with the word "slag" in it, but tolerate any number of ads which feature women as clueless but sexy bimbos who have nothing better to do all day than to go round stroking cars.

Give me Sandra and Tracey using and abusing men any day, over the Stepford wives who become aroused at the sight of a set of car keys. Or the woman whose vile boyfriend enlists his horrible Renault Mégane in his campaign to sexually harass her. Whatever one thinks of the

Fat Slags, they wouldn't put up with such treatment, for they embody men's fear of women



A victory for women? The words "Fat Stags" were replaced by Sandra and Tracey in the controversial Lucozade ad

Give me Sandra and Tracey any day over the model wives who get aroused by a set of car keys

more than anything else. They are primal beings who do not appear to attend seminars on what society thinks of sexually voracious women. Nor are they much concerned with heing overweight. In this way they are liberating, just as Edina and Patsy were liberating in their drunken had behaviour, just as sense only if we acknowledge. Dawn French is when she dresses up as Pamela Anderwhen they go around nipping Prince Charles's hum and talk-

> ing about snogging each other. Open expressions of female appetite and female desire are still rather rare. Though lad culture may have prematurely climaxed, its influence is still everywhere. It has been used to legitimise the most appalling and deeply embedded sexism in the exhausted name of irony. However, lad culture does oot exist in a vacuum. While the lads who have made soft porn acceptable are poring over yet more images of mute women, in the real world womeo are continuing to move on up. The only women allowed to speak in the sad lad fantasy world are the

MAWs (Models/Actresses/

Whatever), and then only about

their sex lives. The Fat Slags, on the other hand, hardly oeed to go to workshops in assertiveness training. They know what they want and they want it now. The question, then,

whether or not such a joke

rebounds on women. The answer is that, yes, sometimes it does - but not always. Is this enough reason to han it? Personally, if I thought that itboys using the word "slag" of girls who won't sleep with them, then I would happily ban the ad and the cartoon strip tomorrow. But we all know that it ain't that easy. Despite the overt sexualisation of our culture, we are increasingly confused about what is acceptable and what isn't. At the beart of this confusion is the way that we pay more attention to language than we do to who is speaking. Some people are dismayed that women can now declare themselves bitches (as in Meredith Brookes' "I'm a hitch/I'm a lover/I'm a child/I'm a mother, which my six-year-old happily sings along to). When, they ask, did this become acceptable? Doo't they realise that

women who juggle their lives? Have they failed to notice the conscious effort over the last 20 years that feminists have made to appropriate many negative word about themselves? In the Seventies, Erin Pizzey was happy to describe herself as a "slut". She was reacting to the Superwoman trend by refusing to get obsessed by housework. Indeed, words such as "nigger",

similarly reclaimed, which goes to show that there is a world of difference between being the object of an insult, and a speakig and self-defining subject. The worst excess of laddishness is not that it reduces women to stereotypes - these stereotypes have always existed anyway - it is the way it deliberately silences women and reduces them to a mute fantasy, whether this be lap-top porn on

the Net or supposedly upmar-ket lap-dancing. Laddishness is

face of sexually active, articulate, achieving women, for it exists primarily as a defensive strategy, a denial of fundamental changes in our society. One of the ways women are silenced, of course, is by being told that they take everything far too seriously, that it's only a laugh.

The riposte to this is not to

laugh louder than any man at yet

another dull piece of sexism, but to insist that other kinds of images, other kinds of voices, also appear. The Fat Slags (who, let's not forget, are cartoon characters, just as Jessica Rabhit is a cartoon character) may not be your role models but at least they speak up for them-Tracey will hardly destroy their joie de vivre, because they do not think there is anything wrong in women being promiscuous. The slags themselves are remark-ably happy with their lifestyle. The only way to make "slag" less offensive is to remove its connotation that female sexuality is a bad thing. Rather than banning the word we need to change the attitude. You certainly don't need to be fat or female to be called a slag these days. For surely, lads, isn't that what equal actually fairly impotent in the opportunities are all about?

Farewell Britain, hello the Great Wen

statico at Cambridge. Elsewhere it might seem twee, but there it feels rather appropriate. That kind of thing can, bowever, lead to
delusion. I boarded one of the sleek
new diesels which take yoo straight
with the words "Destination Birm from the university city to Kings Cross in only an bour. There was a high-pitched, shimmering bum, like the opening bars of Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. It was a good few moments before I realised it was merely the sound of the train readying itself for departure. Flooded by a wave of foolishness, I reflected that I should have known better. I was heading back to Londoo and what passes for the real world.

As the flat Cambridgeshire landscape gradually hecame more rolling an indefinable feeling of sad-ness grew. I had covered a lot of ground since I had set out on my touring the whole island of Great British, in a kind of sound-bite ematation of the journey of proto-type fourists such as Daniel Defoe.

Under Defoe, whose mission had included a hrief to bribe Scottish neotarians to vote for union, my bjective had been altogether more vague: to discover whether there was any longer any such thing there was any longer any such thing as community in this nation, and if so, what our tured it.

realised oo this final leg that been doing something else, too thad unconsciously set out to acceptuate the positive, not merely to report what goes unreported but to describe what is good in modern

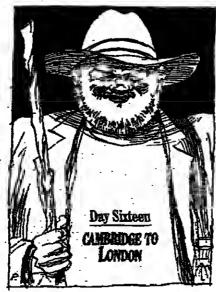
It has been a salutary experience to remove my metropolitan spectacles and come nose to nose with other people's realities. It has been ation from any terrorist outrage.

the loudspeaker at the railway droll, as when at Belfast Harbour airport, waiting for the prop-driven bucking bronco of a plane to Edinburgh, I sat and watched a seductive promotiooal video of castles, sunlit Victorian public buildings and river ingham". It has been melancholic, as when passing through Barnsley town centre to discover that all the life is being sucked out of the little place by the out-of-town megashopping-complex at Meadowhall near Sheffield.

But above all it has been a journey of refreshment, which began the moment I stepped off the train in Cornwall to be greeted by a local man not simply with a "Good morning", to which I replied, but with a follow-up inquiry: "You all right then?". It may only have been a conversational formula. Yet that second phrase was my first reminder of a world in which people have a little more time for one another. It is there all around the country. Even in a blunt, brisk city like Leeds, I was struck by how, as I stood peering owlishly at the destination board, a railwayman approached and offered

It has been a long journey. Even in a little country such as the UK, everywhere is further than at first you think. And travel writers oever seem to carry luggage - or at least, they rarely meotion it. It had loomed large in my decisionmaking, especially since, whatever Mo Mowlam may say, Railtrack at any rate was displaying little faith in the reliability of the IRA ceasefire: left luggage lockers remained out of service everywhere, even in Scotland and Wales, where Celtic communality has so far protected the popul-

A JOURNEY AROUND THE WHOLE ISLAND OF GREAT BRITAIN



WITH PAUL VALLELY

The one journey which is always shorter than you expect is the final leg bome. Oo the seaf opposite was a oewspaper. I picked it up: it was the first national paper I had looked at for weeks. On the journey out of Loudon, the papers had been full of the shooting of Gianni Versace, yet. when I disembarked in Cornwall the beadline in the Western Morning News read "New water bills shock for West".

I had made it a particular rule not to read papers, or anything else, while travelling. Instead I looked either out of the window or at the people around. I followed the same rule in restaurants.

It is oot just that you stumble across some marvellous vignettes this way, such as the family of four who ate a three-course dinner in total silence save for the bleeping of the youngest's Tamagotchi. It is oot just that you realise that, regrettably. most of our fellow citizens live in a

No, if you read when travelling you constantly find that you look up and realise that you bave missed something. Travelling in 1478, William of Worcestre recorded a plague of rabbits between Saffroo Walden and Harlow, in 1997 I ooted ooe, across the Galloway peninsula, which those with noses in hooks failed to see. Reading on a journey turns a seamless progress into a series of disjointed fragmeots. It feeds our modern sense of dislocation. We do not live in the present, hut always in the future or the past. Instead of rejoicing at where we are, we are ever on the way to some-

It happened to me now. I put down the paper and looked out of the window to find that I had missed the transition from countryside to suburb Tuesday: A conclusion.

where else.

to town. All at once we were on the edges of London, and the view was as it is with so many places from our railway system - of the unprepos-sessing backsides of its buildings.

It would oot do to get too romantic about this. For the traveller there is the danger that you remain the perpetual spectator, oever involved. Theo you force your own agenda upon the place you have arrived in, rather like the Wild Bill Hickok character, a loog-haired ex-hippy from Seattle, whom I met in The Crown in Belfast. He was obsessed with how to get bold of a gun. But there is one place where you find it harder to include your fantasies, and that is home.

The Great Wen, that other traveller, William Cobbett, called London. A wen, according to the OED, is "a sebaceous cystic tumour under the skin, occurring chiefly oo the head. But as I arrived it seemed to me to be a great maw, a voracious gullet set oo reclaiming me. As the familiar sights of the city appeared it felt as if they bad chosen me, rather than me, them.

"Cootemplate yourself as in a glass," said the 12th-ceotury Beoedictine monk William of Malmesbury, one of the earliest chroniclers of a journey round these isles. Perhaps, in the eod, the journey tells you more about yourself than the

places you see. I queued for a Tube ticket. At the machine in front a young woman dithered and became bothered. What are you looking for? Can I help?" I heard myself saying. Behind me the rest of the queue began tutting and hissing with im-patience. Welcome back to London, thought. Welcome home.



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BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Double blow for the City as one bank acts over unauthorised trading while another is handed a record penalty by the SFA

Rogue trader sacked at Crédit Suisse

Personal Finance Editor

Credit Suisse, one of the world's largest banks, has sacked one of its traders for allegedly amassing hundreds of millions of pounds worth of unauthorised positions in the options market. The bank moved to dismiss Philip Penner, who is believed to have been working for its client management department, after he confessed

to the trades earlier this mouth. An internal investigation is now under way to discover how Mr Penner could have taken the positions on options without the full authorisation of his employer.

The Securities and Futures Authority, the top City regulator, has been informed of his dismissal. A regulatory source said yesterday: "1 can confirm that we have received a report that he was dismissed for not rectifying his position. His registra-tion [with the SFA] has been suspended as a result."

The alleged unauthorised trading at Credit Suisse follows a series of high profile scandals, that include the rogue trading by Nick Leeson which led to the collapse of Barings and by Peter Young, a fund manager at Morgan Grenfell, part of Deutsche Bank. Mr Young set up a series of dummy companies in 1995 and 1996 to con-

cost Deutsche up to £400m. In 1995, Barings, one of the UK's oldest merchant banks, collapsed after it admitted losses of up to £300m caused by Leeson, who is currently serving a six-year jail sentence in

by liquidating the positions imme-diately after Mr Penner admitted his unauthorised activities to senior staff. A spokeswoman at the hank said: "[Mr Penner] has left the firm. The

It is believed Credit Suisse managed to the attention of the regulator. We to contain the losses to less than £10m believe that he is currently being investigated." She declined to say in which area of Credit Suisse's operations Mr Penner worked or how long he had been there, and would not elaborate on the precise nature

Sources said yesterday that Mr Penner had been authorised to take a position of up to £40m in FT-SE options. However, he was subsequently told to liquidate them.

But apparently unbeknown to the bank, Mr Penner did not adhere to the liquidation instruction and al-

cash performance notes to corporate

clients as a means of providing

cover for the costs of bid situations.

A cash performance note is an in-

strument which tracks the market

was interested in making a hid for Yorkshire, the bank failed to restrain

its market makers from acquiring a

stake of 8.2 per cent in the company, more than double the level required

price of a security.

sitions - betting on future stock market movements - to the extent that by the time he owned up, the bank's exposure ran to hundreds of millions

The Credit Suisse spokeswoman

that the extent of the bank's exposure ran to at least £400m or that the unauthorised trading took place while Mr Penner was officially on holiday last month. Mr Penner could not be contacted for comment.

Richard Farrant, chief executive at the SFA, said. "[Credit Susse] appear to have operated very efficiently in this instance and have acted with prompt dispatch." He confirmed that an initial report on the bank's immediate steps had been sent to the regulator and that the SFA was waiting for a second report into how the unauthorised trades could have taken place.

Credit Suisse is one of the leading financial services groups in the world, employing more than 10,000 staff in 30 countries. The organisation, with headquarters in Zurich, is capitalised at more than \$7.2bn (£5bn).

The company is split into four main business units, including worldwide private banking, corporate and investment banking as Credit Suisse First Boston, asset management for institutions and a division catering for Swiss corporate and individual customers.

In 1996, a Credit Soisse bond salesman, David Santangelo who concealed a loss believed to be around \$6m (£4m) from a client was fined £25,000 by the SFA.

SBC fined £300,000 over Chinese Wall lapse

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Swiss Bank Corporation was yesterday subjected to the largest ever fine imposed by the Securities and Futures Authority as the regulator concluded two disciplinary cases against the bank.

Swiss Bank was "severely repri-manded" and fined £300,000 for failing to follow and implement its Chinese Wall procedures during 1994 when its market makers bought more than 8 per cent of the share

capital of Yorkshire Electricity.
The SFA said the bank had "fixled to observe high standards of market conduct" and had "failed fully to implement, monitor and control its Chinese Wall procedures" or to nperate well-defined compliance dition to the fine the bank was ordered to pay £121,095 towards the

dered to pay £180,000 for its actions relating to the liquidation of the Kleinwort Benson European Priisation Trust (Kepit) in 1996. It was also ordered to pay costs of £55,000.

Commenting on the two cases, Richard Farant, the SFA's chief executive, said: "Managing and controlling the different parts of an integrated investment house in order to ensure fair treatment of

clients and other market participants is challenging, SBC failed that test." Mr Farant took the opportunity to issue a warning to other firms saying that "the SFA will persistently pursue and judge harshly cases

interests of clients are subordinated to the interests of the firm, even if this is not intended."

SBC recognised the severity of the fines and said it was committed to keeping its administrative processes under constant review. It does not plan to take any disciplinary action against any individuals as a result of the Yorkshire Electricity case as the SFA said in its report that the bank's employees had acted in good faith and had not wilfully breached the SFA's principle

However, the bank has taken disary action against several memrs of staff over the Kepit affair. The SFA's action over Yorkshire Electricity relates to SBC's conduct

between August and December 1994. At that time the bank's corporate fi-

for hedging purposes.

SBC was acting as financial adviser to Trafalgar Honse in its £1.2bu bid for Northern Electric, which together with a lax price control announcement by the electricity

regulator, had caused share prices to soar across the sector. SBC acknowledged that it failed and supervisory procedures. In the bid for Yorkshire, though it was eventnally taken over earlier this year by a joint US bid. In the Kepit case, SBC's bid for the investment trust portfolio was ac-

Though a client had told SBC it cepted by Kepit's fund manager hut in the time between the acceptance and the agreed time at which the strike price would be set, SBC's heavy selling in the market forced prices down, to the disadvantage of

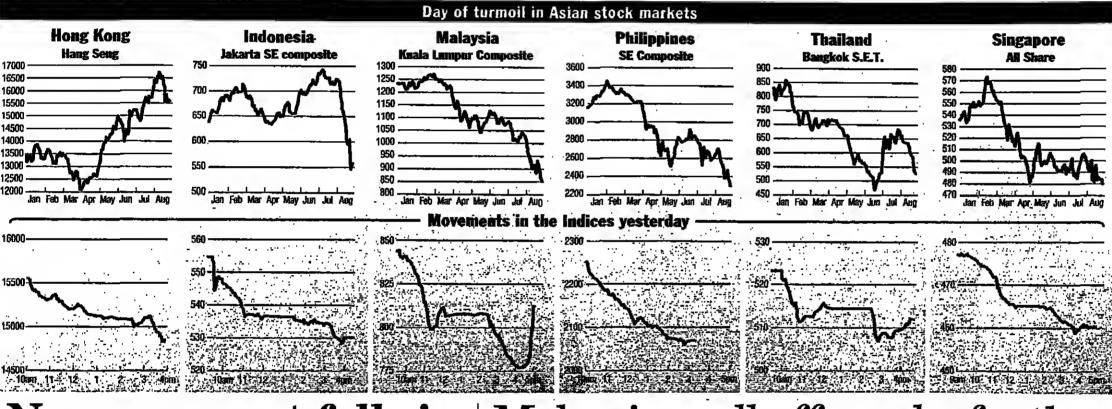
In its settlement with the SFA. Swiss Bank acknowledged that It failed to act with skill, care and diligence and to ensure fair treatment to its client." SBC referred to the action as "an isolated incident".

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Boots of

lead to merge

Dow Jones and Footsie slide amid worries over US outlook Flood of sell orders causes Asian markets to tumble



London and New York

Diane Coyle **Economics Editor**

Share prices fell sharply in London and New York yesterday due to a fresh bout of nerves about the outlook for the US economy and company profits.

New figures for growth in the second quarter of the year showed that America's GDP expanded far more than first estimated. Although there was still no sign of inflation, the financial markets saw the figures increasing pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates later this year.

The FTSE 100 index ended nearly 62 points lower at 4.845.4 yesterday. On Wall Street, falls in technology stocks such as IBM and Altera took the Dow Jones index down more than 123 points to 7,663.77 by mid-morning, although it later recovered.

The jitters in the US and Europe followed earlier plunges in Asian stock

According to new figures, US gross domestic product

increased at an annual rate of

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3.6 per cent in the second quarter of this year, much higher than the initial estimate of 2.2 per cent.

Higher exports and faster stockbuilding accounted for most of the revision, but the estimates for the rise in consumer spending were upgraded too.

The new figures mean that the US economy has grown at an average rate of 4.3 per cent since late last year - well above what economists would see as the trigger-point for eventual increases in inflation. But the GDP deflator, the

widest measure of prices, showed inflation at only 1.5 per cent in the year to June. Brian Fabbri, chief economist at Parihas in New York,

said: "There is strong growth. great profitability and no inflation. What more could anybody want? But he warned: "The Fed

must be aware that the economy is simply hooming." interest rates to rise later this year in order to return growth

to a sustainable pace, with

November seen as the most

likely month for the move. Although stockbuilding is likely to fall back significantly in the current quarter, underlying demand, powered by consumer spending, is expected to pick up still further.

Christopher Low, of HSBC Markets in New York, said. There is ample reason to worry about the momentum of

Bijhal Shah. a strategist at Merrill Lynch, said: "The US stock market is very highly valued and can only sustain this if profits continue to grow rapidly. But nobody knows exactly when the Fed will be forced to react by raising in-

He said that when Wall Street finally saw a significant drop in share prices this could launch a downward spiral as the huge gains in the stock market had made a big contribution to the buoyancy of spending and the US economy. The spread of stock options as a part of pay packages means high share prices had played a big part in holstering consumer spending.

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Nerves prompt falls in | Malaysian sell-off sparks further round of turmoil in the Far East

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

East Asian stock markets trembled yesterday as sell orders poured into dealing rooms, sending the markets into a tailspin. One market after another succumbed to a bout of nerves. The entire region has been sold off," said James Oshorn, director of sales at ING Barings

Securities in Hong Kong.
Brokers struggled to pinpoint the catalyst for the tur-moil, although most believed that the carnage started in Malaysia, where the KLSE Composite Index recorded its biggest fall of the year - plung-ing by more than 10 per cent at one stage before closing some

4 per cent down. Meanwhile, the local currency plunged to a new low against the US dollar as fears over the burgeoning current account deficit undermined confidence.

The Malaysian sell-off was Iriggered by the authority's rather heavy-handed attempt to curb short selling. Traders were alarmed by a sudden change in the rules which demanded cash

before selling.

Had market conditions been more stable, the response to a sudden change in trading rules might have been less extreme but Malaysia's stock and currency markets have been in a bearish mood and required only the smallest excuse to plunge into gloom.

As news of the Malaysian sell-

off flashed across the screens in Asian dealing rooms, traders began to fear that the whole region would follow suit. It turned out to be a self-fulfiling prophecy, underpinned by genuine reasons for disquiel.

These were most visible in the

Philippines, where the release of poor economic growth figures and worries about the local currency prompted investors to knock more than 9 per cent off the value of shares in Manila, the higgest single-day fall in 10 years. In Indonesia, where the gov-

ernment had been congratulating itself on fighting off ation against the local currency, the price of the fight was being calculated, leading to

on hanking and finance companies. Heavy share selling in this sector caused the market to slump by almost 5 per cent.

And in Hong Kong, which had been huoyed the previous day by a successful land auction, the stock market had its second busiest day, leaving the blue chip Hang Seng Index more than 4 per cent down. The 658-point fall in the index was the fifth biggest on record, although in percentage terms it was overshadowed by the hig plunges of the 1970s and 1980s.

Ironically Hong Kong seemed to be the victim of its success as a highly liquid market. Fund managers turned to their stock holdings in the territory to provide cash for redeeming positions in other markets.

There was also uncertainty over government measures to curb property prices. This uncertainty has cast a long shadow over the market, helping to fuel the 11 per cent decline in share prices recorded over the past three weeks. Meanwhile the Singapore

market fell 3.6 per cent, taking

up front for share purchases fears that the increase in inter-and the need to deliver scrip est rates would take a heavy toll torned 10 days of losses with an topped 10 days of losses with yet another fall, dragging the market down by 2.3 per cent as the local currency fell to yet another low against the US dollar.

At the heginning of the week Asian governments were trying to talk up the markets by boasting that they had seen off the hig institutional investors who were allegedly speculating against their currencies. However investors failed to be impressed, leaving market makers to reassess their views of how fur Asian markets might fall.

Even the relative strength of Wall Street has done little to improve sentiment. US-hased finance house Goldman Sachs added to the depressed mood yesterday when it issued new forecasts, downgrading growth estimates for key east Asian

Bargains are beginning to emerge in these markets, but investors are wondering whether it might be better to wait for a rcal fire sale.

deal faces big EC objections

Guinness

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

Guinness and Grand Metropolitan are to defend their £24bn drinks merger before the European Commission at a crunch meeting next week after officials yesterday confirmed that there were serious objections to the

deal on competition grounds. The statement of objections from the competition commissioner. Karel van Miert, was received by the companies a few days ago. It is understood to confirm concerns raised by the EC in June over the combined pean spirits markets.

The companies will attend oral hearings with the EC next Thursday and Friday, where they are unlikely to offer immediate concessions. The Com-mission has until 27 October to complete the investigation and announce any conditions for approving the merger. Guinness yesterday declined to comment on the discussions. "It's a confidential process," said a spokesman

The EC is worried that GrandMet and Guinness, the second and third largest suppliers of spirits in the European Union, would be able to manipulate prices in some of the biggest national markets. It would give the merged company, to be renamed GMG Brands, more than a 40 per cent share of the Scotch whisky market in several EU countries.

Another concern is that GMG Brands would have vastly increased bargaining power with hig retailers because of its huge list of famous name hrands. The EC probe is one of several facing the two companies, who must also overcome the oppo-sidon of Bernard Arnault, the outspoken head of LVMH, the French luxury goods group and major shareholder in both Guinness and GrandMet.
Canadian spirits giant Sea-

gram, has already launched a strong attack on the deal, which is also being investigation by the US watchdog, the Federal Trade Commission.



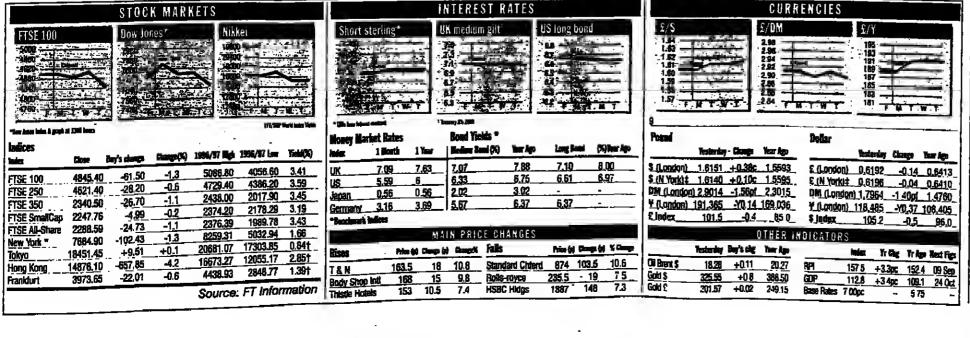
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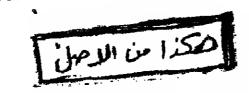
for owner-occupiers will be 8.15% pa gross. **Notice to Existing Borrowers**

From 1 September 1997, the Society's variable rates of interest for existing borrowers will be increased by 0.25% pa gross. For borrowers with fixed rate mortgages, this change will come into effect at the end of the fixed rate period.

Borrowers on the budget repayment scheme are not required to take any action and individual notices will be issued to borrowers outwith the scheme.

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Keeping the investment bankers in check

'SBC made its name in the City as a bank that was willing to sail close to the wind and use some controversial techniques in its

attempt to gain competitive advantage. It is therefore little surprise that it should find itself up before the beak in this manner

And now another accolade for the "Ex-tel Programme Trading House of the Year" - er, the biggest couple of fines ever imposed by the Securities and Futures Authority, one of them, lamentably, for "failure to act with skill, care and diligence" in the execution of -you've guessed it - a large programme trade. It was perhaps unwise of Swiss Bank Corporation to highlight this hizarre and previously unheard of City award on the day it was so heavily fined. As mitigation, it made limp reading. On the other hand it certainly raised a laugh with the competition. Many rival houses found it hand to conceal their delight at SBC's discomfort.

Both episodes are serious matters for which SBC thoroughly deserves its punish-ment. They must have been, for the SFA needs the agreement of the accused to issue statements and impose fines of this sort. Although hedged around with the usual legal caveats about how these offences hadn't been deliberately committed. SBC would have had to swallow hard to agree such a damning and damaging indictment of the way it conducts its affairs.

Nonetheless, there is a sense in which SBC has been made an example of here. No one would suggest that practices like these have become common practice in the City, but by the same token, nor are they entirely unheard of, SBC made its name in the City as a bank that was willing to sail close in the wind and use some highly controversial techniques (innovative is the description SBC would premanner. Aggressive, go-getting behaviour nearly always carries a regulatory risk. In the first of the cases the SFA examined,

where the Chinese walls that are meant to exist hetween corporate finance and stock market trading became entirely transparent, SBC knew full well that it was doing some-thing highly contentious which rivals were bound to challenge, and as a consequence it went to great lengths to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations. Unfortunately, it wasn't fastidious enough, and compliance failed to check the overenthusiasm of market-makers when they discovered what corporate finance was up to. The first rule of sailing close to the wind is to get it right in every particular, not just some of them. If you do not, then you must expect

to suffer the consequences. At least this time round there's a beak to be up before. In the 1980s, cavalier and illegal practice was allowed to flourish unchecked, culminating ultimately in the great nemesis of the Guinness scandal. Action of this type should belp prevent practice spiralling out of control again. This time round regulators seem to be be doing a rea-sonable job in defending the dam. Since acquiring SG Warburg, SBC has

quite visibly toned down its approach. Having bought the franchise, there's now no ing to win it. It is therefore surprising that the second episode, which happened very recently, should have occurred at all. The explanation seems to be that this was genuinely just a hotched job. There was no delib-erate attempt 10 disadvantage the client in order to profit the house. Both episodes are nonetheless symptomatic of the conflict of interest hig integrated securities houses like SBC perpetually face. Are they in it for their clients, or for themselves? Clients must draw their own conclusions.

Wall Street unlikely to catch the Asian flu

Ts this a hrief summer chill that is afflict-Ling the world's stock markets, or the start nf flu pandemic? Wall Street and the European markets bad another wobble vesterday. following some of the sharpest one-day falls ever in the Asian markets the previous night.

So far there seems to be no question of contagion between the two. On the contrary, the monthly Merrill Lynch survey of fund managers indicates that investors are switching out of Asia directly into the US. The pro-portions reducing their holdings in the former and raising their weighting in the latter are the highest since the survey started in 1990. Strange hehaviour this, for what investors seem to be doing is selling markets which have fallen steeply in order to huy into need to be quite so aggressive in attempt- a market which is at an all-time high. But it

does suggest that it is premature to start wor-rying about an international correction in

The Asian problem is a local one. The region's stock markets are suffering the aftermath of overheated domestic demand. The resulting ballooning of current account deficits, which prompted the initial devaluations, have led to hikes in interest rates and burst a few property bubbles. No wonder sentiment has been badly dented.

But although Asia's worries are unlikely to spill over into the US and Europe, a sustained fall in the Dow would almost certainly pull the rug out from underneath other mar-kets. Unfortunately, that US correction still looks like a real possibility.

The American economy has been incred-ibly well behaved but eventually the recovery will falter and - probably around the same time - inflation will start to pick up. The Fed will raise interest rates and profits growth will slow from the present 10 per cent

Airbus plan is still a long way from take-off

As policy U-turns go, France's agreement to allow Airbus to convert into a limited company takes some beating. Lionel Jospin, the new French prime minister, is of course perfectly entitled to tear up his predecessor's policies. Harder to understand is | are still a long way from the end game.

such an Anglo-Saxon approach to Airbus's future. Perhaps it was lunching with the Blairs

that did the trick. The previous administration campaigned The previous administration campaigned long and hard against removing Airbus's 27-year-old consortium status, but had planned to privatise Aerospatiale. Mr Jospin is the

exact opposite, signing up to the restructur-ing but abandoning the Aerospatiale sell-off. However, though the greatest obstacle to setting Airbus on the right footing for the next century has now been cleared, we are still a long way from take-off. Given the months of wrangling to get this far down the runway, few in the industry can seriously believe that the detailed negotiations from now on will be anything other than tortuous.

For starters there is the issue of how the assets should be divided up. BAe claims that its plants are more efficient than Aerospatiale's or Dasa's, and it should therefore get a larger share of the company than its presem 20 per cent of the consortium. Naturally,

the other partners do not accept this.

Then there is the thorny question of who will run the company. BAe would like us to believe that the other three partners will agree an impartial search for the best of international talent. Mmmm. Does anyone seriously think that France will accept a candidate from outside the mother country to sit behind the desk in Toulouse? An important breakthrough has been achieved, but we

Rolls-Royce let down by overworked suppliers

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

The soaring demand for new aircraft from the big airlines has left suppliers in the industry unable to meet expectations, the jet engine maker Rolls-Royce warned yesterday, after years of cuts and redundancies during had left in other parts of the the recession.

Rolls-Royce also blamed inedgine Orders With rivals General Electric and Pratt & Whitncy of the US for the squeeze on its profit margins, despite unveiling a 20 per cent jump in operating profits in the first half of the year to £115m. Sir Ralpb Robins, chairman,

said Rolls-Royce nad identified several bottlenecks in its engine business following the 33 per cent rise in sales in its aerospace group, which includes civil and military jets, to £1.70n.

Since the recession Rolls-Royce has balved the number of suppliers to 600. Some 70 per cent of its engine parts are bought in, of which around the same proportion are sourced from UK companies. "Most of us are all sucking on the same supply actwork which bas been strained by it," said Sir Ralph. Staff were working 20 per cent more overtime to satisfy the demand, even after excluding the impact of an overtime han last year. Rolls-Royce said about 1,000 extra employees bad been taken on at the aerospace divi-

But Sir Ralph denied the tense competition for new jet company had bought market share at the expense of profits. Commenting on the increase in the order book to a record £7.8bn, he said: "It's a hell of a nice problem to have." A further £1.2bn of orders have been announced, but are not yet included in the formal order

He also pointed to a slight improvement in profit margins, up from 10.9 per cent to 11.1 per cent over the same period the year before, as a sign that underlying profits were improving.

Fears about the squeeze on margins bit Rolls-Royce shares yesterday, which fell 19p to 235.5p. The group raised its dividend payout in shareholders by 10 per cent to 2.2p a share. An increase in its final dividend in March was the first since 1991.



engine orders for the squeeze on Rolls-Royce's profits

Headline profits in the first six months of the year were £116m, compared with losses of £169m the year hefore, following £263m of provisions to cover the sale of the Parsons steam turbine husiness in Siemens of Germany. Two companies are negotiating to huy the International Combustion boiler-mak-

ing business in Derby, which was put up for sale with Parsons more than a year ago. Sir Ralph said an announcement would be made soon.

Despite the restructuring of the power business, profits fell from £19m to £14m on sales of £530m. Sir Ralpb described the result as "disappointing".

Airbus set for privatisation as France abandons objection

Chris Godsmark Londor and John Lichfield

The French government has abandaned its objection to the transformation of the Airbus plane-making consortium into a fully fledged private company, removing the biggest obstacle to the restructuring of the \$40bn

(£25bn) European industry.

But the significance of the breakthrough, which came after months of latense pressure from the British and German governments, was doubted yesterday by some industry analysts who predicted France would shift its objections to more detailed criticisms. French plans to force a merger by the back door of Aerospatiale, the state-

Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, is believed to have told Chancellor Helmut Knhl in Bonn yesterday that Paris would no longer stand in the way of the creation of a Franco-German-British-Spanish company to act as the only serious challenger to the merged Boeing and McDonnell Douglas in the large civil airliner market.

Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) and British Aerospace (BAe) bave long argued that this was the best way to develop Airbus to reap the advantages of the recovery in aircraft orders. The new Socialist regime in Paris is prepared to agree, adopting a more flexible approach than its centre-right predecessor.

Dasa and BAe have urged

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the company structure. The present four-member consortium, including Casa of Spain and formed in 1970, operates under French law as an economic interest group and does not publish accounts or make profits as a separate entity. The restructuring of Airbus was in-tended as the template for a wider consolidation of Europe's military aerospace husinesses.

Though France bas accepted the inevitability of incorporating Airbus, the new government has not moved on its objection in the privatisation of Aerospatiale, planned by its predecessor. BAe in particular had insisted on the sell-off, arguing the new Airbus company chuld not operate independently unless all its shareholders were also in the private sector.

would gradually reduce its involvement. Another problem concerns Dassault, which had emphatically opposed a merger with Aerospatiale unless the privatisation went ahead first. Under the Jospin plan, the

French government would transfer its 45.9 per cent stake in Dassault to Aerospatiale, in effect forcing through a merger. The French argue that a merger between the two companies would strengthen their negotiating position in future consolidation discussions.

Industry experts yesterday predicted munths of further horse-trading over the size of the stakes in Airbus which each nf the four partners would receive. BAe. which makes Airbus wings, has pushed for a bigger stake than its 20 per cent inowned group, with the privately owned military and civil aircraft company, Dassault, also look sel lo cause controversy.

The Jospin government says that it intends, initially, to retain memorandum of understanding french state ownership of part memorandum of understanding carly this year to move towards of the new company but it

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Boots offloads AG Stanley

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Boots drew a line under one of the worst parts of its disastrous Ward White acquisition yesterday when it sold the lossmaking AG Stanley home decorating business to a venture capital buyer.

The sale, which includes the Fads and Homestyle trading formats, will see Boots take a £180m write-off which includes £122m for goodwill. The buyer, Alchemy Partners, is paying a nominal sum while Boots bas guaranteed to leave the business

with a cash balance of £7.5m. In style. While this will mean sigeffect, Boots is paying Alchemy

branches, which are largely small high street sites, and 201 Homestyle stores, including some edge-of-town locations. AG Startley has not made a profit since 1993 and its accu-

mulated losses over the past four years amount to £33.7m. Last year it recorded losses of £11.8m on sales of £109.4m. Alchemy will continue Boots strategy of closing many of the Fads stores as well as around 100 smaller branches of Home-

nificant redundancies among the group's 2,400 staff. Alcheto take the husiness away. my's senior partner. Jon Moul-The deal covers the 121 Fads ton, said jobs would he created as the company opened more larger Homestyle formats.
It is thought AG Stanley will

be groomed for a stock market fintation though no umescale has heen set. Mr Moulton will

he chairman of the group. Boots acquired AG Stanley as part of the ill-starred Ward White acquisition in 1989 which also included the Halfords car accessories stores. Though it made profits until 1993 it was

fut hard by the collapse in the housing market and the shift towards larger out-of-town stores. Boots said yesterday the deal

did not signal the unravelling of the Ward White deal and there were no plans to sell Halfords or Do It All, the DIY business. "They remain part of the Boots family," a spokesman said.

However, analysts speculated that following the sale of Chil-drens World to Storehouse last year, Boots was increasing its focus on its core business. Do It All is seen as a further canfell 14p to 803p.

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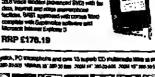
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T&N talks could 'lead to merger'

Andrew Yates

T&N, the car parts group, admitted yesterday that it was in on-going talks with rivals that could eventually lead to a

merger or joint venture. Sir Colin Hope, chairman, said: "Everyone [in the industry knows each other extremely well and we talk to each other all the time about swapping assets and forming joint ventures. If people want to talk we are very happy to listen, although

nothing has emerged yet." T&N has been linked to a flbn hid from US motor parts group Dana Corporation and Federal Mogul UK rivals GKN and BBA are also thought to be interested in a deal.

T&N is also looking to juin forces with Rheinmetall and Kolbenshmidt, twn German piston groups which are in the

process of concluding their own merger. T&N has been stalking Kolbenschmidt for years in its bid to become the largest pis-ton manufacturer in the world. but its efforts have been frustrated by the German competition authorities. "We are confident we can eventually get German approval for a new deal. We expect to take initia-tives to see our mutual business

Colin said yesterday. However, he warned that there would be more joh losses to come at T&N after the company finishes its current round of up to 1,400 redundancies by the end of the year.

interests come together," Sir

T&N annunced flat underlying profits of £85m in the six months to June. The strong pound knocked £5.9m off prof-

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Reckitt & Colman may buy back bond

Sameena Ahmad

Reckitt & Colman, the Harpic toilet cleaner to Lemsip group, is considering buying back its convertible bond in a novel move which could lead to a cash return to sharebolders of up to

Iain Dobbie, Reckitt's finance director, said repurchasing the bond was an alternative way to share out cash following changes to the tax system last automn which have made normal share buy-backs tax mefficient.

Speaking after the company annunced its half-year figures to July, Mr Dobbie said the move would allow the company to continue paying foreign income dividends.

Reckitt made a £150m cash payout to shareholders last November out of foreign earnings, but said yesterday it would

rather use the cash to pay FIDs while it can. The Government has threatened to abolish FIDs. which allow a company to avoid paying tax twice un foreign earnings, in 1999. Mr Dohbie said the bond, is-

sued in 1990 and which converts into 40 million shares in 2005. had a £200m face value, but could fetch up to £350m. However he said that depended on whether people were willing to sell: "Bonds are becoming increasingly attractive. Not every bond holder will want to sell." Mr Dobbie said Reckitt

would only repurchase the bond

if it was tax efficient and did not

attract potentially unrecover-

able advance corporation tax. The news came as Reckitt reported a 4 per cent fall in halfyear sales to £1.1bn after a £115m currency hit. Investment column, page 18

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Generous Reckitt looks good value

the feather duster, the household products and foods company is unloved. Where is the growth in carpet cleaners, disinfectant and air fresheners, investors ask?

Gamble will bid for the group has put zip into the share price recently. Since Unilever said in February that it was selling its chemicals division to focus on household and healthcare, Reckitt's share price has taken off, beating the FTSE by almost 20 per ceot. Yester-day's 20.5p slump in the shares to 961p was partly a correction after Vernon Sankey, chief executive, dismissed takeover rumours at the group's interim

Bid froth apart, Reckitt has been an unrewarding investment. Since 1993 and before the Unilever excitement, shares in the company underperformed the market by a sorry 22 per cent.

But perhaps the sceptics need to rethink. Reckitt's half-year results to July looked good against its peers. The 5.5 per ceot uoderlying sales growth, ex-cluding the curreocy hit, looks paltry, hut household products and foods are both mature. Nestlé has repeatedly failed to meet its 5 per cent sales growth target and Uoilever has struggled to produce similar growth.

Reckitt's strategy of avoiding com-modity markets like detergeots, while directing marketing and research mus-cle into developing niche brands is right. Some 70 per cent of the group's products are number one or two brands. Sharing product technology he-

tweeo countries has been another success. Buying L&F in the US in 1995 has enabled Reckitt to spread the Lysol faith to faster growing countries like India, Australia's strength in pest control has heen successfully exported to South Africa and Sri Lanka. And it is not surprising that Mr Sankey wants to keep the health products husiness. As well as being Reckitt's fastest growing division, technology from products like Dettol are being used to develop even better surface cleaners.

There are hlack spots. Currency aside, growth in Thailand and Malaysia is slowing. Brazil, half of the group's Latin American sales, is worryingly weak as retailers destock. All this is bad news given the maturity of Europe and the importance of emerging markets for Reckitt's growth. The group's farflung exposure to unpredictable economies has always been a concern. But given the potential for growth from emerging markets, Reckitt would be

Broker SBC Warburg is forecasting

Perhaps the City expects too much of Reckitt & Colman. Leaving aside those left at home to wield THE INVESTMENT COLUMN tail sector, set to rise from 17 per cent last year to more than 20 per cent of the portfolio when the 600,000 sq ft

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Reckitt & Colman: At a glance

Market value: £391bn, share price 961p (-20.5p)

2.35

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Turnover by region

Like for the sales growth (%)

8.4%

et cleaners, disinfectant and air freshners, investors ask?

Hopes that Unilever or Procter & Reckitt looks good value longer term amble will hid for the group has put given its generous policy on cash handouts and fading bid prospects.

Slough waits on developments

Sough Estates, Britain's biggest in-dustrial landlord, went through a fallow patch in the mid-1990s, but since the beginning of last year the shares have taken off, outperforming the rest of the stock market by 15 per cent. Part of this re-rating reflects a new dynamism evident at Slough since Sir Nigel Mobbs, veteran chairman of the group, relinquished some of his management responsibilities to Derek Wilson, who moved up from heing managing director to chief executive early last year. Some 18 months on, the group is in

the midst of the higgest development programme in its history, with around million sq ft of new space under construction or due to be started in Britain

Five-year record

Turnover (£bn)

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Earnings per share (p)

Dividends per share (p)

Includes 1.4p Foreign Income dividend

full-year profits of £310m for 1997-1998 alone this year. This big expansion and £337m next year. Though a forward comes at a propitious moment for the group. Helped by gains on the sale of a portfolio earlier this year and lower interest charges as a result of disposals, pre-tax profits jumped from £37.4m to £50.5m in the six months to June. Gearing of 53 per cent and uncommitted facilities of £300m leave plenty

of financial leeway.

More importantly, the developments come after five years which have seen precious little new industrial property being built in the aftermath of the recession. The resulting pent-up demand is clearly becoming evident. Slough's estate is in effect fully let, with occupancy up from 94 to just under 97 per cent in the first six months of the year, while the group is seeing rent rises for good properties in good locations in the South-east of England.

That is just as well, as around twothirds of the portfolio is based in the prospering M4 corridor of the Thames Valley. If market forecasts are borne out, the firmness of the retail market should soon start to feed through to industrial property.

That should make Slough a good later cycle play on the property market, with a useful exposure to the re-

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Share price pence

Buchanan Galleries in Glasgow opens in the spring of 1999.

Brokers' estimates suggest net assets

per share have grown from 285p to 299p over the past six months and could be 336p by this time next year. That suggests the shares, down 2p at 320p, are fairly rated.

T&N gets the better of ghosts

Tot so long ago, T&N could never be mentioned without the dreaded word "asbestos" heing muttered in the same breath. As Turner & Newall, it used to produce tons of the stuff, only to be sucd both sides of the Atlantic.

Then last year it came up with a clever ruse to cap its liabilities at £1.2bn by taking out a £500m insurance

But just as it laid one ghost to rest, others began to appear, Analysts pointed to an apparent slowdown in its car parts husiness and falling margins due to an indifferent world-wide car

They also argued that, like the rest of the engineering sector, T&N's ex-ports, would bound to be hit by the rising pound. To cap it all, the asbestos claims came back to haunt T&N in June when a US judge threw out a class settlement, which opened the door to the possibility, albeit a small one, of higher payouts to sufferers.

Yesterday's results for the six months to June did much to dispel these new fears. Underlying operating profits were flat at £85m, despite City expectations that they would fall to around

A combination of cost-cutting and reducing stocks helped push margins up 1 percentage point to 10.6 per cent, leaving plenty of scope for further im-provement. And T&N should be able to continue to gradually increase volumes and prices by picking up market share

The good figures pushed T&N's shares up 16p to 163.5p. Even so, they remain cheap on fundamentals and bidders are still likely to be circling the group as the industry continues to con-

Panmure Gordon has upped its underlying current year profit forecast from £137m to £154.6m, putting the shares on a prospective price/earnings ratio of under 9. Good value.

Ladbroke to speed up hotel openings with help of HHC

Andrew Yates

Ladbroke yesterday announced its intention to rapidly expand its hotel chain by stepping up its alliance with Hilton Hotel Corporation (HHC), the US hotel giant, and unveiling plans to speed up its hotel opening pro-

The company is looking to take over up to 200 hotels around the world if HHC is successful in its \$11.5 tm (£7bn) hostile hid for ITT, which runs the Sheraton hotel chain.

Peter George, chief executive of Ladbroke, said: "There will be opportunities for us as a result of the ITT deal, Hilton has no particular ambitions overseas and I hope we can do something together." Ladhroke would probably turn the Sheratoo sites into Hilton hotels. It is also likely to take control of ITT's luxury Ciga chain, formerly owned by the Aga Khan.

Ladbroke is also looking to develop HHC's Conrad chain of hotels outside the US.

However, Ladbroke ruled out a full merger with HHC in the near future. "We discussed a full merger with HHC before agreeing to form a marketing alliance. There were various problems such as taxation, regulation and valuations in the UK and US which ruled out the possibility. As things stand we will not consider a full merger,"



Peter George: Hoping to do business with Hilton of US

Ladbroke spokesman said. There had been intense market speculation that HHC was likely to turn its attention to Ladbroke if its hid for ITT failed. However analysis believe HHC is un-likely to he interested in Ladbroke's hetting division, which includes Vernons pools and its hetting shops, and will probably not be tempted to launch a hostile hid for the group. Mr George said HHC was very unlikely to act on its promise to take a 5 per cent

stake in Ladbroke "until it had resolved its hid for ITT". HHC is taking legal action to

block ITT from selling off most of its assets in a desperate at-tempt to scupper the takeover. HHC is aiming to force ITT to put its \$11.5bn offer to its shareholders. A US court in Nevada will hear the case on 29 September.

Even if the hid fails Ladbroke plans to rapidly increase its own hotel development programme in the wake of strong world-wide demand for hotels which continues to push up room rates and occupancy levels strongly. It plans to open 10 new hotels next year and 20 in

Ladbroke refused to rule out launching a hid for Capital Corporation, the troubled casino group embroiled in legal action against three disaffected former employees over allega-tions of serious internal control problems. "We are still watching developments at Capital Corporation," Mr George said yesterday.

Ladbroke amounced a 39 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £101.2m, well ahead of analysts' expectations, thanks to the huoyant hotel market.

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Betting and gaming profits rose 31 per cent to £56.9m due to a strong performance from its bookies chain. Its 49's fixedodds numbers game has been a "great success", helping it to shrug off the damaging effect of the National Lottery.

B&J bids for discount chain

Magnus Grimond

Brown & Jackson, the Poundstretcher discount retail chain, has come to the rescue of WEW Group, the troubled owner of fellow discount group What Everyone Wants, with a £6.5 m bid. The agreed deal, along with the £7.65m purchase of Your More Store, another retail operation, will make B&J one of Britain's higgest discount chains with 451 stores.

for WEW will come as a relief for shareholders, who have seen the price tumble from 129p in 1991 to 4.25p, down 0.5p yes-terday. In July the group fore-cast a loss of more than £4m for the 12 months to 2 August in the latest of three profit warnings this year and effectively put it-

self up for sale. The B&J offer has been accepted by US venture capital

The 4.5p-a-share cash hid other holders controlling 28.8 per cent of the shares.

The WEW board, chaired by James Millar, the former William Low chairman, warned that in the absence of the B&J offer, the group's banks might withdraw their support after January 1998. Brown & Jackson, which is controlled by Pepkor, a South African discount group, said it expected no job losses or further shop closures group Warburg. Pincus and to result from the takeover,

Barnes may float to fund expansion

Cathy Newman

Barnes Trust Media, a television production and facilities group, s considering a stock market flotation in an effort to raise money for acquisitions.

Simon Bowen, executive chairman and founder of Barnes, said the company was on the brink of appointing an adviser and a flotation was "on the agenda". Barnes came to prominence earlier this year when it bought Teddington Studios off Pearson for £9m. The company said the deal made it the higgest privately owned

media facilities group in the UK. Mr Bowen said yesterday he had his eye on two sizeable acquisitions. Barnes has been tipped as a possible bidder for Tele-Cine Cell, another facilities company which warned in July that persisteot problems with its Cell special effects arm would lead to losses in the first half of the year. However, Mr Bowen said the acquisitions being investigated were outside the facilities sector. He added: "If the acquisitions are successful, they may be the trigger to acceler-

could be valued on the market at in excess of £25m, but he indicated the acquisitions could double Barnes' size. Barnes, which is forecasting a turnover of £22m to £25m for

the current year, is an umbrella company for a string of organisations. It comprises Teddington Studios; the House, a post-production house which specialises in commercials and pop promotions; Klones, a broadcast dubbing and video duplication unit; and Arena Transmissions, which produces special interest travel, weather and Chinese channels.

Dean Street Post, the group's first acquisition in 1993, merged with the House in June this year. Teddington, a fulcrum of the film and television industry since the 1920s, was part of Thames Television, for which Pearson paid £100m in 1992. It makes light entertainment programmes such as This is Your Life and Men Behaving Badly. Mr Boweo said there was no reason why Barnes should not come to the full market. He said

such a move was not vital for the

company's future, but making a large acquisition was a good commercial reason for floating. Mr Bowen said the company

Leigh agrees to £116m takeover

Provident Financial keeps up growth

£23.7m, and profits rose 11.6 per husiness can be transplanted cent to £50.8m. The number of successfully.

customers was up 9 per cent to
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the insurance division concentrates on women drivers

from customers, increased by 4
per cent to 10,268.

The formula is well tested and the market still not satuand the market still not satu-

General Utilities, owned by the giant Générale des Eaux of France, yesterday launched an agreed hid for Leigh Interests. less than three weeks after making its first direct approach for what is one of the UK's top six waste disposal companies. The £116m bid is worth 175p

a share, equal to 24.3 times Leigh's earnings in 1996-97. The announcement of the deal was accompanied by a market raid on Leigh's shares, that easily mopped up 29.99 per cent of the equity. The takeover offer is 47 per cent more than

Provident Financial, the Brad-

ford-based provider of door-to-

door unsecured loans and

non-comprehensive motor in-

surance, increased profits by 15 per cent to £54.7m in the first

half of the year, maintaining its

Home credit turnover rose by

11 per cent to £164m, bad debts

Clifford German

steady upward path.

the takeover represented a good deal for employees and shareholders and gave them the henefits of the £50m restructuring of the business two years ahead of schedule. His own future has not been

discussed but General Utilities' finance director, Joseph Mangion, emphasised the huyer planned to develop its waste management business to complement its other UK businesses, which include Connex, the the closing middle market price operators of Southeast Trains.

in the UK market and problems with its chemical treatment technology. As long ago as 1991-92 it made a profit of

£14m on a turnover of £119m.

The husiness plunged into the

red in 1995-96 recording a loss

of £9.6m as it struggled to cut costs and staff and eliminate loss-making activities. The chemical and clinical waste divisions continued to lose money, but the group as a whole made a partial recovery

last year and announced a prof-

The insurance division con-

and third-party, fire and theft

hut profits actually grew by a

saw no real signs that premiums

Howard Bell, chief executive,

quarter to £6.7m.

ment of industrial waste in landfill sites in Essex, the Midlands and North-west, will be integrated with General Utilities' UK waste management husinesses, which had a turnover of £200m last year and specialised in the collection, recycling and disposal of municipal waste

and specialist liquid waste. General Utilities hopes to use Leigh to offer integrated packages to industrial and municipal customers. Leigh shares closed at 173p, up 21p.

generally were moving signifi-cantly higher, but when they do

Provident's business should

Meanwhile it is market test-

ing a 10-year life assurance

policy which offers up to

£80,000 worth of cover for a

young, non-smoking female

down to £5,000 for a male

smoker in his fifties for a flat

rate of £3 a week over 40 weeks

benefit.

House prices climbed by 1.2 per cent in August, Nationwide Buildof Leigh's shares on 8 August, the last husiness day before the approach was made.

Leigh's husiness, along with its rivals, has suffered from a combination of the long-term decline in the manufacturing industry, increasing competition of the long-term decline in the manufacturing industry, increasing competition of the long-term decline in the manufacturing industry, increasing competition of the long-term decline in the manufacturing industry, increasing competition of the long-term decline in the manufacturing industry and problems.

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ING buys US brokerage for \$600m

House prices rise by 1.2 per cent

ING, the Dutch hanking group, yesterday paid \$600m (£371m) in cash for the US brokerage Furman Selz LLC in order to boost its equities husiness in the world's largest financial market. The price, which was inflated by \$175m in bonuses for Furman employees, exceeded the sum analysts expected ING to pay by at least \$100m. Swiss Bank Corp paid \$600m when it beat ING to acquire Dillon Read & Co, a larger hank, earlier this year.

S&N cautious on devolution plans

Scottish & Newcastle said it expected to increase development spend in the year ahead while maintaining husiness momentum. Sir Alastair Grant, chairman, souoded a oote of caution at the company's annual general meeting on the Government's plans for devolving a Scottish Parliament. He said that if a new parliament was given powers to vary income taxes, Scottish business could he disadvantaged. Sir Alastair said the group's leisure opcrations were being held back by exchange rates. He said the group derived more than 90 per cent of its sales and profits from markets outside Scotland and from a wide range of international markets. Sir Alastair said these could be used in such a way that Scottish husiness and Scottish husiness talent might be at a disadvantage compared with the rest of the UK.

Rentokil Initial growth should continue

Sophus Berendsen AS, a Danish commercial services company, said it expected continued good growth from its Rentokil Initial subsidiary. The company said its profit before tax for the six months to the end of June jumped 32 per cent to 845.5m kroner (£75m). Sales rose to 3.595hn kroner from 3.308hn kroner and operating profit rose to 164.3m kroner from 129.3m kroner. The earnings report is ooc of the last before Sophus splits into two separately traded companies. Its 32.2 per cent stake in Rentokil is to be in-cluded in a new listed company called Ratin A/S.

EFT Group acquisition escapes referral

Margaret Beckett, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will not refer the acquisition of EFT Group by the Bank of Scotland's unit. British Linen Bank, to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission. The Bunk of Scotland said as a result its recommended offer for EFT Group was now unconditional in all respects.

	Compai	ny Resu	lts	
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Country Gardens (I)	27.7m (19.6m)	3.36m (2.22m)		
Davesegroup (I)	23 7m (28.3m)	2.95m (2.54m)		0.6p (-)
Era Group (SP)	91 7m (77.2m)	-13 32m (1.0m)		2.1p (2.0p)
Guinness Peat (It	52.9m (41.2m)	10 00- (14 40	·10.27p (0.34p)	
Inverest (I)	66.0m (73 8m)	19.60m (11.16m) 1.37p (1.12p)	rif.
sotres (F)	11.9m (9.7m)	2.6m (-2.3m)	3.4p (-3.7p)	1.93p (1.93p)
Kingspax Group (i)	\$186.7m (31.1m)	4 55m (3 75m)	25.5p (20.2p)	6.35p (-)
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Prevident Financial (I)	94.5m (76 2m)	10.35m /10 3tm) 5 RSp. /5 6Rph	1.55p (1,47p)
Cutcks Group (i)	209.2m (209.1m)	547m 137 5mi	18.83p (11.27p)	
Recibit & Colonan (f)	175.Am (184 4m)	3.1m (2.79m)	8.9p (7.8p)	3.25p (2.75p)
Rolls-Royes (F)	1 11bn (1,15bn)	165.1m (179.0m)	0.8p (7.6p)	8.70p (7.95)
United (1)	2.3bq (1.9bn)	116.0m (-169.0m	25 IB (29.7P)	
Slough Estates (I)	138.2m (109.0m)	50 5m (07 4 1		2.2p (2.0f)
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Standard Life's rising star reappears at RBS

agents, who are mostly recruited

rated, but a small pilot opera-

tion has been started in Poland

and another is being set up in

Benny Higgins, the 36-year-old rising star who unexpectedly resigned as top sales manager for Standard Life in June for personal reasons, has popped up at Royal Bank of Scotland, where he has been given the joh of sorting out the Birming-

ham Midshires acquisition. Mr Higgins' resignation from the insurance giant came a day after that of John Thomson, then Standard Life's chief investment manager. Sadly Mr Higgins was on holiday yesterday, so was unavailable to

shed light on the subject. From cext mooth the former captain of the Celtic youth team will "lead the project to derive maximum benefits from the acquisition nf Birmingham Midshires Building Society". Personally 1 think Mr Higgins, described by colleagues as "surprisingly witty for an actuary", sees himself as another Martin Taylor. Watch out, George Mathewson.

Richard Branson is overwhelmingly the most popular choice for Best UK Business Leader, followed far behind by Sir John Harvey-Jones, Lord Hanson and Archie Norman. This is the verdict from 200 manag-

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ing directors and finance directors polled by KPMG in the accountancy firm's second British Business Lead-

Which is a hit worrying, when you consider that Sir John and Lord Hanson are the wrong side of 70, and the former haso't managed anything for at least seven years.

Another bizarre finding: 11 per cent of those polled are anti-technology luddites, saying: "I have peo-ple to do that for me." Another 38 per cent simply say: "I know where the on/off switch is." A measly 3 per cent admit to having high computer

How intriguing to hear a story in which sleepy old Anntie Beeh has got one over on Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB for a change. The BBC's forthcoming 24-hour news channel has just poached glamorous presenter Sarah Montague from Sky News, Mr Murdoch's own round-the-clock news service. Other BBC presenters will include the veteran foreign correspondents John Simpson and Charles Wheeler.

increased by 14 per cent to the Czech Republic to see if the

Jefferson Smurfitt, the Dublin-based paper group, has recruited a former governor of Illinois as a non-executive director, reflecting the recycling specialist's big ambitions across the water, James R Thompson, 61, served a record four terms as gover-

nor from 1977 to 1991 and was a US Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, where he argued more than 200 cases. Sounds like a useful person to have on board in that most litigious of countries.

I never knew DIY had been around

for so long until I traced the history

of AG Stanley, which Boots has just sold to a venture capital company. AG Stanley owns two DIY chains, Fads and Homestyle. Alec Stanley started the ball rolling in 1945 when he opened his first DIY shop, Bargain Wall Papers in Bromley, Kent. People were coming back from the

Second World War and needed to



Benny Higgins: 'Surprisingly witty for an actuary' say colleagues

do up their dilapidated homes cheaply. Mr Stanley had a nose for the market and in 1946 he was joined by his son, Malcolm, and opened another shop. In the 1950s Mr Stanley embraced the idea of pile 'em high, sell 'em low, becom-

ing the first DIY shop owner to sell paint by the galton, in the 1960s, he rehadged some of his stores as Fads Fine Arts Discount Stores. Mr Stanley took the company public in 1974. By then he had 200 stores. He theo bought 80 stores under the Decor Mecca labet from Blakely Morris Group and 90 Decor Market shops from Berger Paints.

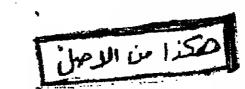
Then in 1980 our hero bought the Victoria Mills' walt coverings factory at Holmes Chapel from Crown Wall Coverings, and Mr Stanley launched a group of small ironmongers' shops called Mr Stantey.

More acquisitions followed - the

Jacoa paint factory in Southall and the Home Charm chain of shops from Harris Queensway. By 1988 he had eight different store facias under his control. Then he sold out to Ward White, which was bought by Boots the following year.

So did Mr Stanley retire to Barba-dos to spend his loot! Not a chance. The Stanley family launched unother DIY chain called Focus DIY. Talk about sticking to your core

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Far East currency crisis savages HSBC and Standard

HSBC and Standard Chartered, only a few weeks ago

HSBC would soon hit 2,600p.

It did. earlier this month. starring in a rampant banking sector, were savaged as the stock market took fright over SEAQ VOLUME the growing currency turmoil in the Far East.

The two banks have extensive Pacific connections and their shares, in busy trading, en-countered determined selling. HCBC sterling denominated Sening HCBC sterling denominated 150.5p to 1,960.5p and Standard 103.5p

After their rip-roaring run the two banks are clearly vul-nerable to any tidings of woe and they were unable to withstand the wild stories flying around about likely develop-

ments in the Far East. Only weeks ago the market ash with heady forecasts about HSBC, owner of Midland Bank, and Standard. Analysts were convinced they

achieve 2,347p but has since drifted lower.

The Far Eastern upheaval has caught the market on the hop. Thailand's well-documented problems were seen as an isolated, one-off problem; not one which could engulf other nations.

Standard had already weathered the Thailand financial crisis. Last month it was hit briefly by worries it had sustained heavy derivative losses following the slide in the country's once booming currency,

The Malaysian ringgit is the latest casualty, hitting a new low for the second day running. Indonesia's rupiah, the Singapore dollar and the Philippine peso were others under pres-

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dollar. The overnight 657-point fall to 1,4876.1 in the Hang Seng share index was, however, dismissed as a technical setback by some London traders. The success of the latest Hong Kong land auction, they suggested, showed the former colony's economic health was too robust for its currency to wilt under pressure. And the Chinese authorities were in a strong enough position to, if necessary, counter

The rapidly expanding Far East has provided a happy hunting ground for many com& Wireless, suffering the

wrestle with its Hong Kong Telecom involvement, falling 18.5p to 543p.

Incheape, with extensive Pacific interests, lost 13.5p to 271.5p and luxury goods group Vendome fell 14.5p to 461p. Far Eastern investment trusts suffered the predictable pres-

added distress of a loss by its Australian associate, had to

Footsie fell 61.5 points to 4.845.4 with New York comhining with the Far East to inflict a double whammy. US investors were again fretting

The raft of company results was largely encouraging. Still, squeezed margins and Far Eastern exposure put Rolls-Royce into a spin, off 19p to 235.5p in heavy trading. Reckitt & Colman was another weaker, 20.5p to 961p, after re-

Heavy trading in Great Universal Stores lowered the price 12p to 633p and Vodafone fell 4.5p to 309.5p despite the process following better them. grades following better-than-expected subscriber figures. BT shaded to 402p with ar-hitrageur-inspired trading lift-ing Seaq turnover to nearly 85 million shares.

Telewest, the country's second-largest cable group, feli 4p to 75p although it denied merger talks, thought to be with NTL, had collapsed.

Scottish & Newcastle hardadded 5.5p to 466p as Nat West

firmed 1p to 261-5p.

Thistie Hotels, encouraged by Ladbroke's hotel returns, gained 10.5p to 153p. Commercial Union resisted the downward pressure, gain-ing 11p to 745.5p, just below its

year's peak, as takeover hopes stirred again. Norwich Union, on Halifax bid speculation, was at one time up 5p at 350.5p but ended 6p lower to 339.5p. Schroders, the investment group, edged ahead 17.5p to 1,882.5p. The market remains convinced a megabid in the financial sector is being prepared.

Leigh Interests, the waste

disposal group on the end of an agreed 175p offer from General Utilities, the French group, rose 21p to 173p.

Anglesey Mining, struggling

hold". Ladbroke, on results, firmed in to 261.5p. Shares of Carbo, known as Hopkinsons until June, are bumping along near their low at 25p; they were 80p in 1992. After running into losses it has been pulled round, helped by a series of dispos-

als and acquisitions which have reshaped the business. It is now focused on its abrasive operations which have grown following moves into distribution. Results for the year ended January are expected to emerge at around £1m, plus £600,000 of disposal profits. With recovery well under way and assets of 35p a share, Carbo may be tempted to clinch a significant acqui-

☐ Build up at Serif, a struggling security printer, continues. John Gulliver and his associate have picked up a further 2.5 million shares. taking their holding to 20 per cent. The shares are 2p.

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Haami to shine in the Solario

Island Magic, Brave Act and Lovely Millie have two things in common. The first is that all three were winners of the Solario Stakes within the last five years, the second that they slipped back into obscurity al-most as rapidly as they had emerged from it.

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Despite this conspicuous lack of further success on the part of its winners, however, there are good reasons to believe that the latest renewal of this Group Three con-test at Sandown this afternoon could be among the more significant juvenile races we have seen so far this season.

Or rather, not seen, unless you can absent yourself from work in mid-afternoon and find your way to a betting shop, since the Solario has been dropped from the Chan-nel 4 schedule just wheo it has produced a contest which might pull in the viewers.

In Haami and Almutawakel the field contains two colts of immense promise, both unbeaten in two starts to date, while Sharp Play, beaten only by Aidan O'Brieo's when taking the Pergoda Appreo-tice Handicap at Musselburgh yes-offers a solid line to the best ju-venile form in Ireland. Add in Hen-ry Cecil's Tracking, who is 7th better off after being beaten a prock to beaten only by Aidan O'Brico's off after being beaten a neck by from Pallium. "We'll give him a rest Haami last time out, and one way or another, Haami's latest odds for

RESULTS

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2.20: 1 SAMS REVALE (K Darley) 8-1: 2. Oriel Sin 8-15 Sec 3. Fin Not Serve 10-1. 7 ran. 1%, G. (B Mechan, Lambourn), 7ota: 58-40: 52.70, 51.10. DF. £2.40. CSF.

£11.51, 2.50: 1, CAMPASPE (J Forume) 4-1; 2. Urgent Ruple 12-1; 3. Minter Aspecto 15-2. 8 um, 11-4 far Classic Ballet (Atr.). 4, 2. U FitsGorald, Malton). Total: £4.00; £2.40, £3.70, £1.80.00: £36.50. CSF: £40.57. Tri-

£1.50, £3.60, DP £10.00, CSP, £22.42. Trices: £1.68, 77. Trice £40.50.
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2.40; 1. RED JAM JAR (K. Johrson) 4-1; 2. Ballindoo 7-2; 3. Sheet Great 5-2 fav. 8 ran. 10, 8. (S. Bell). John: £6.20; £2.40, £1.90. Dr. £8.80. CSP. £16.22. NR: Penien

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2.10: L TWO FOR ONE (A-Thornton) 2-1; 2. Cospect (Michwood 3-1; 3. Prisses Bat-tsies: 16.1 8 ras. 6-4 few Wild Stock. 17, 8. (Miss Lucardo V Russel). Totas: 22.30; 52.50, 52.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £8.41. 3.40; 1.76E TOASTER (Mr C Borres) 6-4 fav; 2. Gross Carmoo 5-2; 3. Another Red 14-1, 5 ras. 174, 24. (Miss M Millign). Totas: 52.00; £1.00. £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.63.

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4.10:1. SAUCY NUN (E HISTORIO 9-1; 2. Lovi of The Wings 4-7 ter; 3. Wigh Celleste 16-1.6 mm, 14, 19. (P Hed). Tota: £12.30; £400.£1.10. DF. £4.60. CSF. £14.61.
4.40:1. YERDAD (P Niver) 8-13 ter; 2. Houston Jouré 25-1; 3. Hystic Times 16-1. 9 mm, 11, ric. (Mrs. M. Reveley). Tota: £1.70;£1.70. £5.20. £2.00. DF. £18.90. CSF. £319. 7 ters. £14.510. (Mrs. Mrs. 200. DF. £18.90.

CSE £23.72 The: £150.10 (part won, pool of £50.77 m Sandown 4.10 today).
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52.30, DF: £1.60, CSF: £4.32

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A colt fancied for next year's 2,000 Guineas can restore prestige to today's Group Three event at Sandown. Greg Wood reports.

this evening.

Anyone who believes in the power of the pedigree will certainly be recting for John Dunlop's run-ner this afternoon. By Nashwan out of Dunlop's Lupe Stakes winner Oumaldaaya, Haami has not let his parents down so far, recording smooth victories at Newmarket and Doncaster, and while a strict reading of the latter form gives Track-ing every chance today, Haami's superiority was far greater than the

official margin might imply. It will be a serious disappoint-ment if he cannot find the occes-

may turn to the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, which with Daggers Drawn (the Tote's 5-1 favourite for the 2,000 Guineas), King Of Kings (7-1) and Central Park (12-1) already among its possible runners, could prove to be the juvenile race

Tracking is one of six rides at Sandown today for Kieren Fallon, who starts the day one winner ahead of Frankie Dettori in the jockey's championship after a sin-gle success at Lingfield yesterday. Dettori remains a 2-5 chance with the Tote to finish the season in from Chepstow and looked at the

to be unchanged at around 16-1 by form today, after which attention long odds-on to lose his unexpected appeal, which will be heard at Port-

man Square today, against a five-day suspension for irresponsible riding, due to start on Monday. Dettori had originally decided to accept the punishment, imposed after he forced his way out of a pocket on Cape Cross at Goodwood last Saturday, but apparently now feels he has nothing to lose by lodging an appeal, (bar a £300 deposit, which is hardly going to force his bank manager to start bouncing his cheques)

"Oo Monday night I went home

sary improvement to confirm that front, but the Italian must also be tape," Dettori said yesterday. "My **High five for Cross The Border**

Cross The Border made it five wins from his last seven outings - all within the space of six weeks well backed with Ladbrokes for the Cambridgeshire on 4 October. now-he's not going to take up his engagement at Sandown tomor-AVR GOLD CLP BETTING Ladbrokes: 12-1 Pales D'Amour from 14-1), 18-1 Faraway Lass, Ogs. 20-1 Blessingnises, Soc. Coutte Sciendour, Ernesging Mer-let, Paryetion Viow, 25-1 Ethand, Gaelle Storm, My

Greaves. "But he's in at Chester on Saturday and it all depends what Bast Valentine, Tadeo, Tier, Wastmurt Megle, World Primmer, Bahamian Besuty, No Extras, 33-1 bar, Wallam Hill: 12-1 Plaser d'Amour (from 18-1), 18-1 Oggi (from 20-1), 20-1 Behamian Besuty, Blesangmunguse, Emerging Marien, Fareway Less, My Berg Valentine, No Extra, Tadeo, 25-1 ber, Totas, 12-1 Pesser d'Amour, 18-1 My Berg Valentine, My Mellody Parkes, 20-1 bar. his owner Peter Savill wants to do." Ladbrokes report interest in Plaisir D'Amour for the Ayr Gold Cup Handicap on 20 September. Pasternak and Labeq have been

CAMBRIDGESHIFE BETTING Legbyroless: 10-1 Pasternek firem 14-1), 12-1 Laber firem 14-1), 18-1 Amyes, Crown Court, 20-1 Dr Marsers, Hawkistey 148, Kannertos Barr, Harkisch Rd, Song Of Freedom, Southerly Wind, Stanton Court, 25-1 bar.

William Hith 10-1 Perserves, 12-1 Laber (from 16-1), 14-1 Arryes, 16-1 Song Of Freedern, 20-1 Crown Court, Dorspour, Hawlestry Hel, Sarryer, Startton Court, 25-1 har.

3.05 BC EXECUTIVE TRAVEL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,325 added 370 1m 14yds Penalty Value £5,250

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Lightly raced GREEN POWER, after winning a Windsor maiden in May, was besten three parts of a length by Al Mararor as Ribon the following month and can everige that defeat on 2b better terms even if he heart stated zeroe. Al Masroor has had four outings scoop, being placed in three of them, the fasts when third to five-length score Minks at Salesbury. Although he has gened just the single win, as Follestinne (soft) last season, Just Mick has only twice been out of the farms in a down nease. He finished a close-up fourth to Young Pracedent at Newbury on his latest appearance and could go close racing off a pound lower mark and with John Reld taking the fide. Zoost Up, unraced at two, landed a Warwick maden in May on his second oung and had a length and a half in hand of Auttimade (Sib better off) when heaten that mergin by Stillatt at Newmarket lest morth. However, Zoom Up was well bester on soft ground at Ayr the time before Newmarket and could do no better than firsh a still-length soft to Quant at the time before Newmarket and could do no better than firsh a still-length soft to Quant at Consul as Heydrick lest time. Seaway, successful at Ripon on his perulament nur, could manage only fourth, at hight lengths, to Rasha when 3-1 on at Severley in May on similar ground to today's, Bewbury Hill is another who would prefer a fagor surface.

Selection: GREEN POWER

3.40 SOLARIO STAKES (Broup 3) (CLASS A) £30,000 added 2YO 7f 16yds Penalty Value £18,930

1996: Brase Act 2 8 11 G Duffeld 9-2 (Sr M Prescott) down (1) 7 on FORM GUIDE.

HARMIN, one of the favourities for next year's 2 (DOG Guinees and unlocation after a couple of scose, both over today's trip, should extend the sequence to three. The Nashwan cost, but of Ournoldesya (half-sister to 1994 Dorby victor Erheeb), went off at events when hasiding his debut at Nowember seven weeks ago and duly obliged, defeating Opera King two langths if a race which is working out very well. Opera House scored year time, while findent, Outsouring and Bobbydestay, who finished third, Nouth and sight, have also gene on to whi. Hasmi tollowed with a neck victory over Tracking at Doncastar when getting 7th and, although the pair racew whalf at levels today, the selection should confirm superfortly, as he was still great on Town Moor and had something in hand. Alterstanesies also comes here with a 100 per cent record after two runs, beating Ray's Foly (who Brashed last next time when 4-1 on) over course and destance on Eclapse day and landing odds of 9-2 at Newmarket, beating soldary rivel Mijera (a previous and subsequent winner) bro legiglis. He

market, beating soldbay rivel Migera (a previous and subsequent referrer) byto lengths. He handles cut in the ground and is another open to further improvement. Even so, Sharp Play looks Hearn's most dengerous rivel. Mark Johnston's cott, a 18-1 and when coming norms by three lengths on his impoduction at York last morall, showed that was no further when bearen a tength and a half by Hing Of Hings at the Curregit, where there was a four-length gap to the third, Photografic hand landed a Listed race at Leoperdational last week. Alder O'Brien's Carillac Careallar, who justified favouritient at Gowan Plark 15 days ago on his only outing to date, is told in a visor this time. The headinger worked for statemer Saratage Springs (who stormed home by five lengths at York son days ago), while Herbour Mester (amother from the same yard) landed the Coveriby at Royal Ascot in Enst-time birthers. Selections HAAAM

ting solitary rivel Milena (a previous and subsequent witner) two lengths. He

1996: Brave Act 2 8 11 G Duffeld B-2 (Str M Prescur) down (1) 7 mn

thoughts were a lot stronger and I changed my mind about not ap-pealing."

The chance that the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee will increase his ban is slight, but the likelihood that they will overturn the local stewards' decision seems equally remote, given that neither John Gosden or Sheikh Mohammed, the trainer and owner of Cape Cross, intend to take the mat-

ter any further. A belated investigation into an altogether more serious matter may soon be underway in Australia, where a former stable lad has finaily admitted that he doped Big Philou, who would have started a hot favourite for the Melbourne Cup, the race which stops the nation, in 1969.

Les Lewis, who has a terminal disease, had previously always denied the charge and was cleared by n jury in a court case in 1970, but told an Australian newspaper that he wanted to elear his conscience before he died.

Lewis claims that he was paid US\$10,000 to dope Big Philou, who stood to cost bookmakers a huge payout but was scratched from the Cup on the morning of the race. More significantly, Lewis says that the bookie who paid him is still alive, and the police are now investigating his story.

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Sharp Play, Curragh runner-up to King Of Kings recently, tackles today's Solario Stakes 12' DODES SUBTRETOUCH (14) (Ellis Stud Parmeship) P Gilligen & 8 D...

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Taiarrill, 20-1 others.

1998: Cirti's Lad 5 9 8 8 Doyle 10-1 (8 Meeted) drawn (4) 11 wn

POPON GERDE:

BEDIGO DAWN has had a succeedud sesson win or lose here, Mark Johnston's filly sperited a har-trick on good to soft going at Hamilton last month, following up when made a writing Bell-weather detuct at Southwell before triching Besebance a couple of lengths too good at Newcastle. With her proven ability to act on the ground, Indgo Dawn can confirm form with Hillswick with nor 45b worse terms. Hillswick went on to defect the odds-on Sudest a length at Beth – Castle Couregious a ex-length thad and 6th before in but past his best at the age of tan. Shadiliman handles out in the ground and ran his best race in ages when inched out by Brighter Byter at Bath five weeks ago. He was besten three-quarters of a length by Cloud trapector in the non-and-a-half-miler at Glorous Goodwood and is 5th higher for this but could still have a say in the first, Slege Perilious is a genuine and consistent type but even the right to encironed by tire 10st and the one to cause the selection most trouble is another filly in the stupe of Gloriger Rogers, who was completing a hast-trick when scraping the result of measured by the AGS and the time to believe the despited finds provided is and the stape of Gauger Rogers, who was completing a fast-time when scrapping harms at Bath.

Selection: INDIGO DAWN

4	.45	CLAYGATE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,0 1m 1f Penalty Value £2,843	25 added 3YO
1	0453	AZORES (11) IH R H Prince Fend Salment P Cole 93	L Dethod 4
2		MANUTLES PRINCE (7) (David Barber) G Lowis 8 3.	
3	160106	MERCILESS COP (7) (D) Subso Largarchi 8 Meeten 8 13	M Tehhott 108
4	333-14	ALL M LEATHER (15) (D) (BP) (Chestley Park Stud) W Hagges 89	Floris
5		BETTY LIUM (60) (T Herbert-bedward R Herrean 8 9	
8		ORGENTES (USA) (SS) (J A Lauren) R Hannon 8 9.	
7	200003	TULSA (14) (Boan Outby Lot) 8 Outby 87.	K Pallon 1
8		REEDS (II) (Ats. Dests Hoynes) J Farotema 8 5	
9	6	INSUSTI POLINICARI (102) (Mrs. C M Polant) H Cardy 8 2	A NicGone 7
10	000-	MESICAN MERCENTS (2009) Overs Baine M Burket K Burket 8 2	
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ed site can act on it, the fly can record her first turf success, heating gained his only win to date on the sand at Wokenhampton. Mercilless Cop goes on the ground and could trouble the best of these, while Azores, third to Dead Alm at Windsor on his handleap debut, and

	.20	GUILDFORD HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 5f 6yds Penalty Value £3,810
1	4230	AT LARKE (52) (S Harson) J Farshore 3 9 30
2	00-424	MUTASANNOR (RS) (AI S Saunders M Saunders 3 98
3	220416	CORROCHE QUEST (10) (D) (M Behop) M Channon 49 7
4	103056	SOMESHEET (S) (D) (MS 1 S E TUESET) M Sounders 49 7 P Marchy (3) 10
5	414436	TRAKER DEMANSTON (17) (D) (John Luff) R Hodge 5 9 3 Quies 12
6	124205	BARBANAK (16) (D) (M Mac Carby) 6 McCourt 5 P 2 C Retter 5
7	334261	HALF TONE (16) (CD) (Mrs G M Terrimenter) R Rover 59 1 \$ Senders 1.8
6		RIANS IN THE FAMILY (17) (D) (Geother Commont) 8 McCourt 580 K Felice 7 B
9		JUCEA (16) (D) (A A Campbell) J Spennig 8 8 D
10	000003	SWEET MAGIC (90) (CID) IC Hammond) P Houling 6 8 12
11	63-256	THREEFLAY (185) (89) (The For Four Portnesship) J Medium 38 11. M Tebbeat 5
12	-00002	BATSMAN (53) (Ex-Recession Partnership) W Museum 5 8 3 D R McCabe 8

- 12 October - ETTORS: 4-1 Sweet Magic, 13-2 Hell Tome, 5-1 Consiche Quant, 7-1 Taber Genneton, 8-1 Environit, Matagarwar, 9-1 Battanna, 10-1 At Large, 14-1 Throughly, Hous in The Family, 18-1 Songatest, 20-1 Auces

1995: Squre Come 4 8 2 Gaye Harwood (7) 11-2 (S Harwood) drawn (14) 15 pm

FORMS GUIDE.

LER OSMASTON acts on the going and can return to winning from the best draw in stell 12. The mare, a four-length south to Mousehole at Bisth lest time, was a Windoor we-nor in June and ron well to make the frame in her following three starts. She holds Riam to The Fassily on her Lingfield fourth to Bowden Rose. Half Yone won it Goodwood in May igood to soft) and had the best of the draw when getting home by a head over course and igood to sort, and not the best of the draw when gazing nume by a need ofer course and distance two weeks ago. She is in stall one soday but majit still provide most denger. Half Tone can confirm course running with Barramak (beaten more than three lengths in fifth and 8b bester) and Jucces (13 lengths addit least of 13 and 11b bester). Consider Quest stands her racing well and acts on the ground, while we have yet to see the best of lightly raced Methasanamus.

the 1998 2,000 Guineas are unlikely row," said Nicholls' wife Alex

SANDOWN

2.00: 1 GENEROUS EMBRACE (I Red) 4 fav; 2. Just Another Time 4-1; 3. Petal ing 8-1. 14 ran. nk. 4. (D Elsworth, Whit-combe), Tota: £2.60; £1.30, £1.10, £2.80. Duai Forecast: £4.00. Computer Straight Fore-cast: £7.35. Tha: £17.30. Non Runner; Res-2.00 Dancing Icon 2.35 Shaska 3.05 SILK ST JOHN (nap) 3.40 Almutawakei 2.30: 1 BOGAN (M Roberts) 14-1; 2. 2.30: 1. BOGAN (M Roberts) 14-1; 2. Dawellb 16-1; 3. Star Term 10-1; 4. Sigm And Wenders 7-1. 16 ran. 4-1 fav Whetever's Right (8th), ½, 1. (Lord Hurstington, West Isley). Total: 22-29: 23-59, 24-90, 22-40, 22-30, DF: £199.70. CSF: £219.33. Trienst: £2,263.16. Tho: £611.40 (part won, pool of £697.52 carried forward to Sandown 4.10 trotals.

4.10 Indigo Dawn (nb) 4.45 All in Leather 5.20 At Large

GOING: 5f course - (Good to Soft); round course - Good to Soft (Good to places). Pen errometer reading 4.4,
STALLS: 5f course - stands side; rest - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 7f & 1m.

Engin-hand course; seven testing fences along back straight; run-in of 300pd, Separate

BEALLOS OF COURSE - MAIND BREW, THE ADMINISTRATION OF 300 M. Separate Mills High for 71 & Im.

Bight-hand course; seven testing fences along back straight; run-in of 300 M. Separate stiff of track.

Course is on A307, 4m S of Kingston, Esher station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins course. Check brochure for all prices. ADMINSTON: Club \$15, Junior Chib (17 - 21 ms) \$13; Grandstand & Paddock \$12; Park \$5, GAR PARK: \$2 in members (More Lane), remainder free.

Lace), remainder free.

LEADING TRAINGERS: R Harmon 87 wins from 308 races gives a success ratio of 12%, J Gooden 24-116 (20.7%), J Dendey 23-116 (2004), M Stonic 23-147 (16.8%).

LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery 60 wins from 277 rides gives a success ratio of 21.7%, L Dettori 49-237 (20.7%), T Quina 27-20! (13.4%), M Roberto 26-182 (14.3%)

M FAVOURTIES: 182 wins in 530 races (34.3%), in honories and of 14.5%; M FAVOURTIES: 182 wins in 530 races (34.3%), in honories and of 14.45), Oakbrook Rose (4.45).

Rose (4.45).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE KUNNERS: Ambinocado (4.10) sent 258 miles by Mm J Jordan from

10	2.00	ORLEANS NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £9 2YO 51 Gyds Penalty Value £3,485	5,000 added
1	5021	BOUND TO PLEASE (15) (May Amendy Shelton) P Markh 8 7	S Series 2
2	213520	FAST TEMPO (29) (D) (W H Blica) 8 Paling 8 7	R 12 12
3	001	DANCING ICON (20) (D) (J C Smith) R Harron 8 6.	Dune O'Neil 10
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5	0142	SUPREME ARGEL (CS) (D) (Least Moved Partness) M Muggeridge 8 4	M Heat'Y CO &
8	533410	GOING PLACES (86) (D) (X 7 hory) #, hory 9 D	K Februs 5
7		HIGH GARK (14) (0) (Red Kite Racing) P Howling 8 13	
8	00153	HIGH CAPRY (7) (D) (Contrac Promotions Ltd) N Timber 8 13.	Clareter (5) 11
9		MEMAS BUSINESS (15) (D) (Trustoe Tropougitiests II) 8 Meeten 8 11	
10		HIRLIAN ROSE (20) (Seraino Agraino) W Mazzon 8 9	
11		SILIENT PRIDE (B) (Miss D G Kerr) M Usher 7 10	
12		SATS (27) (Bony Waters Caterney M Cherron 7 10.	

Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True horalicap weights: Short Pride 7st 6th, Soits 7st 4th. gel, 9-1 High Corry, 10-1 Plant Rompo, Going Pinnes, High Gain, Subs, 12-1 Facilla Rigns, 18-1 Shant Pable 1990: Rudi's Pet 2 8 7 Done O'Neil 13-2 (R Hannord drawn (2) 8 nan

1940: 100 s Pet 28 7 June 0 Neat 15-2 M Haward grown (2 8 and 15-2 M Haward grown (2 8 and 15-2 M Haward grown (2 8 and 15-2 M Haward grown) in Morte Lernos's race over course and distance two weeks ago. Poter Makin's charge, short-headed by Golden Storagy in a field of 20 at Whotour before that, deserves a charge of luck and it might be forthcoming here even if he is on top weight in Maish's charge, short-headed by Golden Strengly in a field of 20 at Window before that, deserves a charge of buck and in ringst be forthcoming here even if he is on top weight in this first handicap and isn't well drawn in stall two. Bound To Please should again take core of Seprenne Angel (20 worse off), Means Business (same terms) and Stant Pride (5b better), who finished second, third and fourth to Monte Lemas here separated by two lengths and a short head. Means Business, who had to be aretiched up inside the final furlong that day, might provide most danger. Dending leon made it that the budy when running or well to strike form at Haydoch three weeks ago - Italians Rose beaten title more than a length in titled and 4th better. Dending loon is the type who can continue on the approde and has a favourable draw, while she comes from Richard Hannon's stable, which has a good record in this type of event and look the corresponding race a year ago with Rud's Pet.

2.35 DORKING MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 370 filles 1m 2f 7yds Penalty Value £3,485

53.70, £1.90. DP. £36.50. CSF: £40.57. m-cest; £275.06.
3.20: 1. WARRIOR NING U F Egin) 11-4: 2. Hi Multimble 9-4 fev; 3. Delettree 5-1. 9 ran. 2, %. (C. Dayer, Newmorket). Tobe: 53.70; £1.20. £1.01, £2.50. DP. £3.60. CSF: £8.35. Tricate: £24.80. Tric. £7.00.
3.50: 1. INCRNAIONE (S. Bischwell) 3-1; 2. Boulovard Ronge 7-1; 3. Londor Love 10-1. 10 ran. 5-2 fav Lastum (440. 1, %. (M. Brittin, Newmorket). Tobe: £5.90; £1.40, £1.50. £3.60. DP. £10.00. CSF: £22.42. Tricate: £168.77. Talo: £40.50.

4.10 BC EXECUTIVE TRAVEL STAYERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 2m 78yds Penalty Value £3,696 BETTENG: 5-4 Shanka, 15-8 Carzon Street, 5-2 Dovedon. Star, 20-1 Snowcap, 23-1 Spirit Lady Ported GUIDE Doverion Star finished about a length in front of SHASKA when they were fourth and abth of 12 to Light Programme at Normarket seven weeks ago but my selection, who was moking her door and was to easy to back — 8-1 to twice those colds— is bound to program and should turn the form around. She is a close selection to dual Eclipse and Auditmorte International hero Helling. Dovedon Star was having her third race at Normarket and lear took minor honours against Zerpour at the same track. Cuczos Street, a two-length fourth behind Neepsake under 9st 10to in a handicap at Salisbury last time conceding the wirrar 18th, might prove a bigger threat than Dovedon Star. Selection: SHASKA

4.00 ABTRUST SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £3,500 added 2m 110yds

BETTIME: 9-4 Flicticci, 11-4 Vistage Red, 8-1 This dos, 8-1 Bruz, 25-1 Wer Whoop 4.30 ABERDEEN NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 4f 110yds

Athinum weight: 10st. True handlesp weight: Tony's Feelings 9sr 12to. BETTING: 5-2 Paparazza, 8-1 Saron Mend, 7-2 Noston Wench, 5-1 ter 10t, 13-2 Walle Court, 12-1 Tony's Feelings, 25-1 htr Sioon

5.05 ABERDEEN ASSET HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £4,000 added 3m 110yds

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 REFFINC: 11-10 Good Hand, 5-2 Paggy Gordon, 4-1 Chill Wind, 7-1 White

Mutamam, regarded as Alec Stewart's best two-year-old, created a favourable impression on his debut in Division One of the Boddingtons Manchester Gold Maiden Stakes at Lingfield yesterday. The colt scored comfortably by a length and a quarter from Dancing Phantom Richard Hills sent the Hamdam Al Maktoum owned juvenile to the front inside the final furlong for a decisive victory. Mark Childs Stewart's travelling head lad, said: "He showed he was the best of our colts from the moment he started galloping at home. Richard said that he won despite not liking the ground. Petal Girl, his dam, is a half sister Mtoto, and he looks to

he a fine prospect." Five British challengers stood their ground vesterday for Sunday's Group Two Grand Prix de Deauville Lancel over an extended mile and a half. Strategic Choice (Paul Cole) is joined by Kutta (Robert Armstrong), Lord Of Men (John Gosden), Taipan (John Dunlop) and Camporese (Peter Chapple-Hyam).

German best at daring in the rain

Equestrianism GENEVIEVE MURPHY

reports from Mannheim

Two rounds of controlled daring left Germany's Ludger Beerbaum and Britain's John Whitaker holding the top two places in the European Show Jumping Championships, after the first of three legs was com-

pleted yesterday.

Whitaker had seemed to judge his faultless round in this speed contest to perfectioo when he took the lead oo the youthful looking 17-year-old Virtual Village Welham. But Beerbaum, the 1992 Olympic champion, was always going to be a threat with the speedy mare Sprebe Ratina, who duly raced round the rain-sodden arena to take an invincible lead.

"I knew John was oot going to make too many mistakes in the oext two parts of the championship and I was not going to give up oo the first day." Beerbaum said.

Germany are without their world champion, Franke Sloot-haak, who injured himself when slipping up on some steps at home. Nevertheless, they also third place individually (through Lars Nieberg on For Pleasure) and the lead for the team title which will be decided after today's two-round contest. They are followed by Britain. the Netherlands and Switzerland, the holders of the European team title which they won in St Gallen two years ago.

The St Gallen contest was more seriously marred by rain. with the Germans pulling out the day before the competition started because of the state of the grass arena. The Mannheim arena has an artificial surface, which was not too badly damaged by yesterday's relentless downpour.

Though it resembled the sea shore, horses were able to slap through the puddles without too much trouble. "The ground stood up well," John Whitaker said. "If it had been a grass arena, it would probably have been impossible to jump."

Geoff Billington, first to go for the British team yesterday, made his only mistake when It's Otto hit the over not of double, the seventh of 14 fences. His time was moderate and, having incurred the fivesecond penalty for his error, he is in 26th place. Michael Whitaker, who was

at

clear until hitting the last fence on Ashley, went at a smarter pace and lies tenth. So, too, did Robert Smith who is 13th on Senator Tees Hananer, the Dublin Grand Prix winner, who made his only mistake at the water.

Hamed has to lower his sights

Boxing DAVID FIELD

Naseem Hamed's ambition of winning all four world featherweight title belts is beginning to look a distant dream. Hamed has been forced to

give up his International Boxing Federation title rather than go through with a mandatory defence against California's Hector Lizarraga - a fight his promoter Frank Warren describes as "meaningless".
The World Boxing Council

holder, Luis Espinosa, has told Warren that Hamed is not on his agenda until next summer, while the World Boxing Association champion Wilfredo Vasquez is demanding too much money to trade punches with Hamed, the World Boxing Oxganisation champion.

Warren will oow promote Hamed against an opponent to be named later at Sheffield Arena oo 11 October -- also under serious consideration is a fight against the WBO superbantamweight champion. Junior Jones, later this year.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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MATDONNIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
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Stackport v Sitraingheam (7.45)
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MARP LAGER RATIONAL LEAGUE OF IRELAND
Praenter Division: St. Psonch's Ath v Deny City
(7.45)

to

Rugby League Rugby Union

CLUB NATCHES: Llendovery v Ethnburgh (7.0); Neath v Scottish Borders (7.0); Pontypridd v Caer-philly (7.15). Speedway

Other sports

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HYPERION 2.10 Rasayel 2.45 Guaranteed 3.15 Concer Un 3.50 Bodfaridistinction 4.20 Dirab 4.55 Kamanev

STALIS: 110 2f - stands side; rest - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.
Mark-hand, tight, circular course. Not suitable for long-striding

houses.

E Course is near centre of city on A548. Chester General station Im. ADMOSSHOW: County Envisoure 5.15; Tathemaths 58; Deer Stand 54; Course 52. CAR PARK. 52.

ELEADING TRAINERS: J Berry 18 from 130 (13.5%), M. Stoute 18 from 73 (21.5%), E Hannon. 14 from 73 (19.4%), A. Rafley 14 from 154 (3.1%).

ELEADING JOCKEYS: K Danley 18 from 83 (21.7%), Par Eddery 16 from 78 (21.1%), K Fallon 16 from 109 (14.7%), L Dettout 14 from 50 (17.5%). PAVOURTESS: 130 wins in 308 mores (42.1%)

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Segenrum Roller (2.10); Rewardia (visored, 2.45); Bodfaridistinction (3.50). visored, 2.45); Bodfaridistinction (3.50). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Highborn (3.15) won is Ripon on Monday. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Durser (2.45) sent 225 miles by

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Chris Hewett reports on the Fijian who aims to prove the doubters wrong when he plays for Leicester in the Allied Dunbar Premiership season, which starts tomorrow

elusions, fallacies, mis-conceptions. Waisale Serevi, the Fijian maestro whose unique gifts of mas-tery and mystery mark him so obviously as a rugby player of tare genius, tries hard to disguise his exasperation as he gives the lie to yet another of the received wisdoms that follow him around like a ball and chain, hut a minute narrowing of the eyes and pursing of the lips give the game away.

He has heard them all a million times over. yet still they The Leicester have the capacity to frustrate Serevi is a sevforwards win ens player and quality ball and no more: he if I see some of about the inis too small to mix it with the it, who knows?" hig hoys. He'll

"Serevi can only play when the sun is beating down. He'll be like a hlock of ice come January." Given that the 29-year-old from Suva can count his English appearances on the fingers of one hand, Joe Public seems to know an awful

lot ahout his shortcomings. We'll take the insolent presumptions one by one, then. Sevens and only sevens? "Mmmm, I think you'll find he can play whatever game of rugby you ask him to play," says Bob Dwyer, brought the Brilliant One to Welford Road on a two-year deal ask Dwyer which wing and he a cross between David Campese

that effectively begins tomorrow, when the Tigers take on Gloucester in their opening Allied Dunbar Premiership set-toof the new season. "If a player of real talent could do it in sevens but not fifteens, you'd have to look at the coach. I might be putting myself up there to be shot at, but I don't think I'm risking my backside on this one."

Too small, then? "Small? You're joking," scoffs Dwyer. "He's buth like a hrick outhouse. Have you seen those

thighs? Those forearms? I doubt if there's better muscular definition."

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more than hapbe found out py to answer when he gets caught in a ruck this one himself. "I've just played through three Japanese winters and I know all about snow," he points out. "I admit to feeling the cold during the World Cup sevens at Murrayfield in '93, but even the New Zealanders were mosning that weekend. It was freezing." Then Dwyer chips in again. "They turn it, who knows? out on absolute mudheaps in

> something resembling concrete. He'll be fine, I promise you." The proof of this particular pudding will be in the playing. of course. Serevi has been selected on the wing tomorrow -



Naisale Serevi can play almost anywhere, is a Test class goelkicker and has a sidestep, a body swerve, and a double shuffle

Photograph: Peter Jay

replies, only half-joking: "Whichever wing he likes" - so it is perfectly possible that he will be starved of the oxygen of er? Serevi is possession and left to kick his heels a là Rory Underwood in all those one-dimensional Leicester sides of none-toodistant memory. He does not anticipate asphyxiation by bore-dom, however. "In Fiji, I was without the ball for many years. The Leicester forwards win quality ball and if I see some of

Who indeed, for Serevi is capable of anything. He can play full-back, wing, centre, outside-Fiji, you know. Either that or on half or even scrum-half, he is a goalkicker of Test class and possesses a sidestep, a body swerve, a hitch-kick and a douhie shuffle of such baffling superiority that it is no exaggeration to describe him as

and Harry Houdini. Oh yes, he'a quick, too. Devastatingly quick. Rugby has been the instinctive street sport for generations of Fijian children and Serevi hegan playing as a 10-year-old. "I was always small compared to the rest, at least in terms of height," he admits, conscious of his 5ft 4in frame. But his extraordinary ability as a hall-player registered almost immediately and in the late 1980s he embarked on his gold-en run at the annual Hong

"I haven't missed a Hong Kong tournament since '89 - I suppose it is my stage and I love the excitement of the tournament," he says. "But my great ambition is to represent Fiji in the 1999 World Cup and I don't really care where they pick me.

Kong Sevens - a tournament he

bestrides like some miniature

Wing, full-back, stand-off, anywhere will do. As a country, we need to reclaim our tradition in 15-a-side rugby and with Mr Brad Johnstone coaching us [endearingly, he never refers to the former All Black prop without the prefix "Mr"]. I helieve we can achieve great things in that direction.

"In Fiji, as in the other south seas island, the grass is always greener for young, ambitious players. They see more lucrative pastures, more money, in New Zealand and Australia and 1 don't hlame them for leaving. We are a small country and it has been damaging for us, hut now we are bringing people back to Fiji and heginning to translate our sevens successes to the bigger game. We beat Western Samoa by 60 points last who played that day still cannot

believe it happened, but it did. even more at home in his new

We're getting there."
Serevi has headed Leicester's wanted" list for more than a year. At the end of the 1995-96 season, he turned out against the Tigers in a World XV showpiece match at Twickenham and was approached by Peter Wheeler, the chief executive at Welford Road, "I'd been living in Kyoto and playing for Mit-suhishi, but I knew of Leicester and their reputation. The offer was good, so here I am.

He will soon he joined by his wife Kara, a welfare official attached to a United Nations military hospital in Sinai, and their two daughters, Una and Asinate, aged three and two respectively. If Leicester win their prolonged battle to equip another Fijian, the spectacularly effective World Cup sevens work permit, Serevi will feel

surroundings. "This is a big challenge for me," he admits, conscious of the culture gap that not only divides sevens from fifteens but, far more profoundly, Far East from East Midlands. "But it is one I feel I can meet. It will not he easy; in sevens, the pitch is huge and there is space to run but in fifteens, the forwards do the work and control the game. I am not a forward, but I like the ball. From what I see at Leicester, there are people here who can

give it to me. Dwyer, for one, will insist on "What can Waisale do for us? Well, let's put it simply. He can score a lot of tries. What else matters?" What indeed? Come rain or shine, Leicester's most exotic recruit is ready to float like wing Marika Vunibaka. with a a butterfly and sting like a hee.

England delay naming coach

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Betts enters

England's Test players will have to wait until next week to find out who their World Cup manager and coach will be.

The planned meeting today between the National Playing Committee and the new Rugby Football Union Management Board wilt go ahead, but no anouncement will be made. Untangling contractual oblig-ations for the candidates and es-tablishing conditions for the

international manager and coaches has clearly proved impossible in just over a week since lan McGeechan rejected the job and Rowell then resigned. The RFU hope their negotiations produce a management team by next week. The dead-

line is 12 September, with an England squad session due on 17 September. A group of se-lectors must he in place by

Kevin Bowring, the coach of Wales, yesterday described England as "arrogant" and hlamed them for his side's early start to the international season this weekend. Wales take on Romania at The Racecourse in Wrexham tomorow, which Bowring claims is far too early in the season for his players.

We should have had all the international matches on the same dates, but England would not do it," he said. "Instead, they quite arrogantly just went ahead and booked a whole block of international fixtures without consulting the other home nations."

The New Zealand rflanker Michael Jones has ruled out a return to action this year, including the tour of Britain. Jones ruptured the patella tendon in his left knee in the 14 Junc Test against Fiji at Albany.

Noel Henderson, a former cpaoan of Ireland and Lion, has died, aged 69, after a shore illness. Henderson made his dehut for Ireland against Scotland in the Triple Crown winning year of 1949 and went on to win 40 international caps.

Magpies ready for the élite

He was the returning hero, the man whose goal late Wednesday night could be worth £10m to Newcastle, but the formalities still had to be observed.

Temur Ketshaia may have cluded Croatia Zagreh's defence to score the aggregate winner that put Newcastle United into today's Champions' League draw, but immigration officials were harder to evade when the team returned in the early hours of Thursday morning. The as Croatia Zagreh." Georgian cut an incongruous picture as he stood alone crouched over an entry form. passport in one hand, pen in the other, his team long gone.

The scene could not have been more different from that in the Maksimir Stadium six hours earlier when Ketsbaia was mobbed by his team-mates after earning Newcastle a 2-2 draw and 4-3 aggregate victory in their European Cup preliminary round tie.

Ketsbaia, signed on a free transfer from AEK Athens in the summer, said as he waited for his haggage: "I can hardly remember the goal hut it was a great moment for me and the club. I was expecting the game to go to penalties and it would have been very difficult for us as they had a psychological ad-

Non-League notebook

When Torrington travel from

north Devon to the New Forest

tomorrow to take on Bashley in

the preliminary round of the FA

Cup, they may be retieved that

they are unlikely to find the

home team's player-manager

in the opposing line-up.
In charge of the Dr Martens

League side is a man who has

won four League Championship

and three European Cup win-

ners' medals plus a host of oth-

er honours. At 43 he is still fit,

and the passing of the years has

not dimmed the fearsome

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Gienn Moore on the Champions' League challenges that lie ahead for Kenny Dalglish and Newcastle

Creatia had forced extra time with an injury-time aggregate equaliser and Ketsbaia added: "I cannot say how we will do in the Champions' League until the draw - hut there will be teams in it who are not as good

the extension of the Champions' League to non-champions with six groups, makes it very difficult for Newcastle to look beyond Christmas and the end of the group stage. Newcastle could find themselves paired with Juventus, Barcelona and IFK Gothenhurg and even a best case scenario would group them with PSV Eindhoven or Monaco. As only the group

Whatever the draw, the great bonus of the Champions' League is a guaranteed six matches. While the shareholders will like the gloss that gives to the bottom line, to Kenny Dalglish it means he and his team now have time to expand their European education.

shooting and tackling powers

with which he made his name.

Jimmy Case was a hero at Liv-

erpool but now he is a long way

from Merseyside, trying to steer

Bashley to promotion to the Dr

Martens Premier Division -

and to at least the first round proper of the FA Cup, the one English tournament for which he

does not hold a winners' medal.

game has not been dimmed by

his experiences at Brighton,

where his spell as manager

ended tast year amid all the off-

the-field strife that plagued the

Sussex club's season. He was ap-

pointed full-time player-man-

ager of Bashley this summer.

NO. OF WINNERS

Case's enthusiasm for the

Case happy to be main man at Bashley

ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THEM.

Draw date: 27/8/97. The winning numbers: 1, 7, 22, 25, 31, 47. Bonus number: 20.

Draw oate: 21/0/31. The winning humbers: 1, 1, 21, 23, 31, 97. Sortis humber; 20. Total Sales: £27,597,040. Prize Fund: £13,567,868 (45% of ticket sales plus £1,149,200 Superdraw funding).

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demands. It is not an arena to he taken by storm hnt one which has to be conquered by Uefa's seeding system, and

winners and second best-placed runners-up qualify, the size of

Newcastle's task is obvious.

As Manchester United have come to realise, European football has its own disciplines and

> experience. Newcastle had an early lesson in that three seasons ago when, having thrashed Antwerp 10-2 on aggregate, they raced to a 3-0 lead over Athletic Bilbao in the next round of their Uefa Cup campaign. It seemed too easy - and it was. The Basques pulled two goals back at St James' Park as Newcastle went recklessly forward and com-

pleted their comeback in Spain.

Newcastle's team has under-

gone considerable reconstruction since then, but watching them on Wednesday there were times when it seemed that, however hard Kenny Dalglish works on his team, the spirit of Kevin Keegan's side refuses to go away. They continually had chances to score hut failed to take them, while similar laxity in defence allowed Zagreh to come within seconds of taking the tie to penaloes.

So far, everything is pro-ceeding to plan. Bashley lead the Dr Martens Southern Division

with maximum points from four

games. Case is registered as play-

er but said this week: "I haven't

even been a sub yet. I'll put my boots on some time, though. I'm

here to put pressure on the play-

ers. If they don't perform. I'll

Case is no stranger to the non-

League game - he had a spell

with Sittingbourne before re-

turning to League football with

Brighton, and he played in the Northern Premier League with

South Liverpoot before launch-

ing his Anfield career - so he is

aware of its special demands.

£2,500,000

pick mysetf."

"We'll learn from that and from the first leg," said Shay Given, the 21-year-old goalkeeper who was making his European debut in the tie. "It's have gone from Pontins League to Champions' League, and it

was an unhehevable night. "We were devastated at the equaliser but Kenny Dalglish got us going again," the Irishman added. "He told us to lift our chins and get into them. He has been there and done it and that's a great help"

The Newcastle manager did win three European Cups as a player with Liverpool - hut this was the first time he had successfully completed a European oe and he is also learning. Newcastle have the experience of John Barnes and Ian Rush -another former European Cup winner - available for the Champions' League. Barnes' ability to retain possession and control the pace of a game may he particularly useful as New-

castle step up in class. One team Newcastle wilt not face in the group stage is Man-chester United, as Uefa is keeping teams from the same country apart. Both clubs will have to kick off their group games at 7.45pm, and ITV will regionalise its coverage.

You have to get involved in

everything at a cluh tike this.

sponsorship, the lot. Every-

body pulls their weight here,

he added. "There was so much

off-the-field stuff at Brighton

that foothall was secondary.

Case is also aware of the ap-

peal of the FA Cup, even in Au-

its Wemhley showpiece. Bashtey battled through to the sec-

ond round proper in 1994.

when they lost I-0 at home to

Swansea. "Getting to the second round was great," he said, "and

we want to do it again." With Case in charge, they could be a good bet to do just that.

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ust, many months away from

Here football is everything."

Ferdinand poised for **England**

Rio Ferdinand is expected to he included in Glenn Hoddle's first England squad of the season when he announces today his party to play Moldova on IO

The 18-year-old West Ham defender is seen as the leading candidate for the sweeper role which is a fundamental part of Hoddle's long-term

planning.
The England coach had planned to use Jamie Red-knapp in the position during Le Tournoi de France, but the Liverpool midfielder missed the summer tournament through iniury and is yet to recover. Fordinand has previously

trained with the full squad under both Terry Venables and Hoddle and has not tooked out of place. His chances of a dehut are improved as the Moldova

match is likely to be irrelevant in the final World Cup standings (assuming England win) and because Hoddle is without four established central defenders in Tony Adams, Stuart Pcarce, Sol Campbell and Martin Keown

Those injuries could also hring a call-up to Steve Watson, who again impressed in defence during Newcastle's European Cup win in Zagreh on Wednesday. Watson, who has represented England at most junior levels, can also play at rightback. He faces competition from John Scates and Rob

Hoddle is expected to recall Liverpool's Steve McManaman, who controversially missed Le Tournoi with injury, as well as Les Ferdinand, Robhic Fowler may not yet he ready. Other players under consideration after impressive starts to the season are the Blackburn pair of Chris Sutton and Jason Wilcox. Attilio Lombardo and Ste-

fano Eranio, summer signings for Crystal Palace and Derby County respectively, have been named in the Italian squad for next month's World Cup qualifier in Georgia. The full squad will be announced next week, but the Italian Football Federation notified expatriate players in the party yesterday. The othets are Roberto di Matten and Gianfranco Zola (Chelsea), Fabrizio Ravanelli (Middleshrough), Christian Panucci (Real Madrid) and Christian Vieri (Atletico Madrid).

League to take on Uefa

MATTHEW SLATER

The Football League is to lodge an official complaint against Uefa, European football's gov-Commission in Brussels over the decision to deny a place in the Uefa Cup to the winners of theCoca-Cola Cup.

Demonstrating that nothing irritates a Briton quite like European interference, the Foothall League chairman. David Sheepshanks, said yeslerday: "Uefa's actions amount to an ahuse of a dominant po-

The decision to end the Coca-Cola Cup's status as a qualifying route was taken in 1994, following a French application for a Uefa place as a reward for their new league cup competition. Uefa stated that est domestic division contained

There are fears that the un-

no more than 18 clubs. To prejudice the Football

League's major knock-out competition because of the size of the Premier League is patentcannot be right that we are held responsible and penalised for something over which we exercise no control."

derlying motive for Uefa's ruling is its own agenda for increased European competition. Sheepshanks, who is the chairman of Ipswich Town, alluded to this when he said: "They continue to expand their own sphere of operations whilst expecting do-

mestic competitions to contract." Mike Lee. a Premier League spokesman, said: "We believe that decisions on the size of domestic leagues should he takthis was possible only if the high- added that the Premier League

had already reduced its numbers from 22 to 20, and that there were no plans for any further reduction. However, it is significant

that the Premier League has orsentatives from Europe's major leagues in London on 10 September. The Foothall League's recourse to European justice may well he a single chapter in a larger story - the threat Uefa's club competitions pose to the respective domestic leagues.

Where this leaves this year's Coca-Cola Cup is anybody's guess. Martin O'Neill, the manager of the holders Leicester City, perhaps the last such recipients of a Uefa Cup place, was open in his support for the League's challenge to Uefa, saving. "The competition would en at a national level." He be devalued if the place was

Paganin set to replace Pearce

Newcastle United are to make a £3.8m hid for the Internazionale defender, Massimo Paganin. The Magpies' manager, Kenny Dalglish, has tahled an offer for the centre-half who is also a target for Liverpool.

Newcastle's move for Paganin is timely as Stuart Pearce faces a spell on the sidelines with an injury he picked up against Croatia Zagreb. The Football League yester-

day rejected Brighton and Hove Alhion's plans to share Millwall's New Den for the rest of the season. While the League had given the green light for the cluh to play their "home" games at Gillingham this term and for another two scasons, the plans to move instead to south London were turned down. While Millwall were happy to

see their ground used every week, there were objections to the proposal - the most pressing coming from the police, a neurological problem. which swayed the decision of the League's Board of Directors. Tomas Brolin's unhappy stay

at Leeds United is about to end if he can agree personal terms with the Spanish club. Real Zaragoza. The Leeds manager, George Graham, confirmed yesterday that the two clubs had agreed an undisclosed fee for

tire Swedish striker. Botton are the latest club to pursue Petter Rudi, the Noregian international midfielder who is also being chased by Newcastle United, Sheffield Wednesday and Southampton - but

not Wimhledon, despite their links with Rudi's club, Molde.

The Scotland and Celtic siriker, Darren Jackson, has been ruled out of action for at least three months because of

Celtic's general manager, Jock Brown, stressed last night that Jackson is not suffering from a hrain tumour, hut he did admit that the illness could be career-threatening.

The illness first came to light on Tuesday, when Jackson missed Celtic's Uefa Cup victory against Tirol Innsbruck. "Very extensive tests followed, and there was a problem which affects Darren's brain," Brown ex-

Rangers urged to look locally

Peter Keeling has been employed as a footbalt coach in Scandinavia for the past 16 years and knows what makes the Swedes tick. He believes that the Rangers manager, Walter Smith, should rely more on local youth than expensive foreign imports.

Keeling was not in the least surprised that part-time IFK Gothenhurg claimed a place in the Champions' League on Wednesday with a 41 aggregate win over Scotland's finest.

The Manchester-based Keeling, the head coach of the Swedish Third Division leaders Linköpping, said yesterday; "I think Swedish players are quite capable of changing the course of a match by themselves. That's

the difference. Because players the world outside football. They are used to making decisions for themselves in their everyday life and they take that into their football

"Players in Britain are cossetted. At some clubs they don't even have to bother looking after their own passports. When may have plenty of experience of night clubs but no real experience of the outside world."

Keeling, a former international athlete, added: "Gothenburg have a framework in place. like many Swedish clubs, that

here are only part-time, they are and the accent is on technique years. They hring boys in at eight well aware of what goes on in and teamwork with different coaches at different age levels But the youngsters are encouraged to use their skills. Of course results are important, but the Swedes tend to be quite patient in this respect. They don't demand instant success.

"Even though Linköpping are a small club, we have a small they finish at 32 and 33 they have are a small clino, we have all ar framework in place and it is paying dividends. We co-courage local last and are making progress. Rangers tend to huy players for their image, not what they can actually do. It is a policy that has proved their has served them well over the undoing in Enrope and perhaps it is time they changed it."

J. Comer

plained yesterday. Coca-Cola Cup draw, squad, Digest, page 23

Northern Ireland World Cop

Dangerous Headley

in danger

DAVID LLEWELLYN

reports from Southampton

There were more stoppages

for rain than than there were

wickets at the United Services

ground yesterday, but Kent still

managed to edge to joint top of the Championship table. Even

so, salvaging something useful out of the rain-troubled match

is likely to prove tricky, particularly with their strike bowler

Dean Headley having heen

warned twice for running on to

the pitch. Next time he trans-

gresses he will be out of the

attack for the remainder of the

first innings and, since he took

all three wickets to fall yester-

day, that could he a severe

A maximum 24 points looked ever more unlikely with each

downpour. The groundstaff - or

more correctly the drowned

staff - worked minor miracles

each time, mopping up gamely

with Navy-issue hlankets, but a

quick draining ground such as this one can only take so much

and yesterday that was what it

The last shower was short, but

heavy enough to end play pre-maturely with more than an

hour and 20 minutes remaining

and a day which started with a

bang-17 of them as the aircraft

carrier HMS Illustrious was

greeted with a multiple-gun salute, a fly-past by Royal Navy

dent to the Kent quest.

Hampshire 210-5 v Kent

Harrier jets and the band of the Royal Marines as she arrived in port - ended in a whimper.

At least John Stephenson

had something to celebrate.

His welcome return to form continued as he passed fifty for

the second time in successive in-

nings on this ground this season.

Following his century against Yorkshire 10 days ago the

Hampshire captain cut and

drove his way to an unbeaten 54.

Four of his nine boundaries came in two Paul Strang overs

when the Zimhabwean leg-spinner was given some harsh

treatment between rain halts in

By then Headley had re-

moved Giles White and Matthew Keech in the space of

seven deliveries. White was

within sight of a half-century

when a good length ball left him and he was comfortably taken

by the wickeketkeeper, Steve

make a mark but his dismissal

provided the most memorable

moment of the day. Again he

got a beauty from Headley.

the ball flew low and fast well

to Trevor Ward's left at second

slip, hut the fielder dived and

stuck out a hand and took a

the fifth ball after lunch and fell

lbw to Headley, Kent secured

their second howling honus

point, which brought them level

with Glamorgan and gave them

their high spot of an otherwise

brilliant catch. When Robin Smith hinged at

Keech had not had time to

the morning.

Marsh.

The

Betts enters record books ROUND-UP

Melvyn Betts claimed the Championship's first nine-wicker haul of the season, while also returning Durham's best-ever bowling figures as a first-class county, with his 9 for 64 against

Northamptonshire yesterday. vear-old ick bowler bowled unchanged for 22 overs at Northampton and persevered through the pain of a turned ankle he suffered early

in the spell. Betts spent more than an hour after his successes with the ankle receiving treatment but he insisted that he would be fit enough to bowl in the second

His fine day was only slightly tarnished by a last-wicket stand of 47 which took the home county to 144.

Durham's reply was one of consolidatioo and when had light stopped play with 21 overs remaining they had reduced the deficit to 26 for the loss of Jooathan Lewis and Martin

wicket haul of the season as Nottinghamshire were bowled out for 294 at Bristol but the home side struggled and were

second day early. hat continued when they decided to bat at Hove against Surrey. They stumbled to 102 for 7 when rain before tea

with only five oo the board.

Gloucestershire's Mike rabbed his bith five-84 for 4 when rain ended the

Sussex's dreadful run with the hrought about an early finish.

wooden spoon in both the champiooship and Sunday League, lost Toby Peirce to the second hall of the innings and Neil Taylor and Rajesh Rao were also back in the pavilioo

HENRY BLOFELD

Essex 178

reports from Chelmsford

The batsmen on both sides found

strange ways of getting them-selves out at the County Ground,

hut it was much more a question

of end-of-season weariness than

anything untoward in the pitch

and only Stuart Law passed 50.

Warwickshire 136-5

Peter Moores provided most resistance for Sussex with an unbeaten 28 ss Martin Bicknell Lewis 3 for 31. Groeme Hick registered his

first duck of the summer as Middlesex restricted Worcestershire to 90 for 4 at Kidderminster after they had been just 14 before he edged a drive

dismissed for 252. Hick, after facing 19 balls, turned a bat-pad chance to short leg off Angus Frascr. It was his first run-less innings of the summer from 44 attempts

around the off stump and most-ly keeping to a full length. His was caught high up at the sec-James and selectors confirm Sod's Law

MARK BALDWIN reports from Leicester Glamorgan 180 for 7 v Leics

On the first day, 69 overs were lost to rain, which claimed another 34.5 on the second, but

even so considerable progress has

been made. The main architect

of Essex's dismissal of 178 was Al-

lan Donald, who took 5 for 50 to

lift his tally of wickets for War-

wickshire in nine seasons to 501.

rhythm he was always hostile, at-

tacking the hatsmen on and

Bowling with an excellent

Two England selectors were at Gooch and David Graveney saw the prolific run of Glamorgan's Steve James end. After making 113, 103, 130, 69 and 162 in his last five Championship innings the 29-year-old opener made

at David Millns to wicketkeeper Paul Nixon in the 11th over. Glamorgan, unsurprisingly, were keener to start a match delayed by more than four sessions by the weather, but were kept

waiting until 2pm as the umpires

Dickie Bird and Barry Dudleston waited for the ground to dry out following yesterday's wash-out and more heavy

Essex fold as Donald hits landmark

an occasional weapon makes

him particularly dangerous. For a time it look as if he

might meet his match in Law, al-

though he went right through

him with the last hall of his first

over of the day. Law then pro-

duced one or two of those crisply

decisive off drives, reaching his

50 from 67 halls. However, he

drove at Ashley Giles when not

ability to use his fastest ball as ond attempt by Nick Knight at

overnight rain. The Glamorgan captain, Matthew Maynard, made a duck and Leicester yesterday and the law his side were only in sight of a of Sod meant that Graham first batting point because of Adrian Dale's 69 and some inspired hitting from Waqar Younis. Dale combined gritty defence with some forthright strokes with all but 17 of his runs

coming from boundaries. Wagar swung James Ormond high over mid-on and wide of long leg for boundaries before, in the same over, launching him

over extra cover for six. Bad light and rain brought a halt, for a second and final

on by the hope of convincing the selectors that he is worth taking ter he had been dismissed. on by the hope of convincing the Gallian to be reported after temper tantrum

MYLES HODGSON

reports from Old Trafford Yorkshire 419-9 dec Lancashire 135-3

Jason Gallian's Lancashire career was put in further jeopardy vesterday after reacting angrily to his dismissal on the second

mid-off. The innings then fell

apart and the last seven wickets

Warwickshire made a bad

start themselves hut were held

together by Knight, who has

been out of action for some time

with a broken finger. After mak-

ing a hundred against Worces-

tershire in his first match back.

he got down to it again spurred

went down for only 61 runs.

day of the Roses match here. Gallian, widely reported to he considering a move to Middlesex unless he assumes "greater authority" next season, knocked two stumps out in frustration af-

ter being bowled by the Yorkshire seamer, Paul Hutchison. He was called hack by the umpires, Nigel Plews and Alan Whitehead, after flicking the He appeared to apologise for his flash of temper.

umpires' report to Lord's and could also be censured by his county for his show of dissent. Plews, the senior umpire, said: "We called Jason back be-

his bat and he apologised. We have oo option but to mentioo the incident in our report." Lancashire are also to in-

John Brewer, said: "We will

to the West Indies. He was lbw.

half-forward to Peter Such, two

semi-final against Glamorgan

here lingers on. Prompted by the ECB, Essex issued a state-

ment saying they had fined Stu-art Law £300 for swearing after

being hit by a beamer from Dar-ren Thomas, Ronnie Irani was

severely warned for a similar of-

That tempestuous Nat-West

runs short of his fifty.

Gallian refused to commeot, but he will be mentioned in the

World Cup, provide the oppo-

vestigate. Their spokesman, speak to the umpires and after doing that, we will decide what, if anything, to do."

His controversial departure capped a miserable day for Red Rose supporters as Yorkshire stumps with the back of his bat. took a stranglehold on the match.

in 1993. Christoph Eimer is taking on where Martin left off and Christian Domke is following hrother Oliver. Both elder hrothers are now well established in the senior national

Tomorrow's game against the Germans will provide a useful indication of how England's

equally keen to do well. Their national sides have gone position in the world arena. Belgium, who are in a differeot pool to England in the

sition on Sunday. ENGLAND INDER-21 SQUAD: J Ebeworth, 11 Heydon (feddington), N Tayfor (Hounslove), a Garrard (Capt, Unattached), I Evensett, S Humphrios, D Buthews, P Wicken (Contentury), R Stanto (Beeston), A Boyse (Lewis), M Pearn, Manprinet Hochar (Reading), R Invine, T Matthews (Oxford Unit), M Johnson (Cornock), A Shinoris (Southgile), Vorlance (Symposius) TOTAY'S FIXTURES: Four outlook tours ment, Afficon Keynes Astional Stadius Germany U-21 v Belgium U-21 (Ack-1-0); Engend U-21 v Ireland U-21 (3.0).

Britannic Assurance County Championship Second day of four, 12.0 today Derbyshire v Somerset DERBY: Somerant (4pts), with all first-indices wickets standing are 229 runs be-

hind Derbyshire (3).
Somerset won toes
DERBYSHIRE - Flust krokute
(Overnatia: 73 for 2)
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M E GESSIE C ILITAR D Hershard
"P # 1 Ces restas e turner h green
S J Lacey c Turner b Caddack
O E Molecum b Shine Extras (b7, w4, nb6)
Total (98 overs)
Fall (coat): 3-96, 4-108, 5-113, 5-15
7-250, B-293, 9-295.
Bowling Captick 36-11-98 at Stone 72-5-90.
1056 475-79-3: Mushton Ahmed 11-4-22-1
Burns 8-3-36-0: Heatherg 1-0-2-1.

SOMESET - First Instage

J. J. Jumer not out

P. C. I. Hollower not out

P. C. Hollower not out

Extrem 62, 169

Total (for O, 6.2 overs)

Z. S. C. Eccession, M. N. Lathwell, M. E. Trescothick, M. Burns, G. O. Rose, 2. Herzherg, A. R. Caddick, Mestria, Ahmed, K. J. Shree, Bowling, Malcolm 3.2:1-50; DeFrages 3-0-8-0. Unspires: R. Julian and B. Leadbester Essox v Warwickstilre CHELMSFORD: Warwickshire (4pts), with five first-invirings wickers sterolog, are 42 runs habind Easex (4):

ESSEX won toes. ESSEX - First Indiags. Overlaght: 107 for 3) Law c Knight b Gies Bott c Piper b Donald Grayson c Piper b Dona Tariagan not out Law c Oster b Donald A P Course c Piper b Glass 0
P M Such the b Doireld 2
Extres 61, 59, rb21 12
Total (85.1 eyes) 178
Fell (cost): 4 117. 5-141, 6-142, 7-142, 8-145, 8-156.

TODAY'S NUMBER \$2m

The sum of money [£1,25m] the National Football League is to spend over the next year on its grass-roots campaign in Europe. The money will be spent on introducing new players to American football and developing the amateur game.

Fail: 1-2, 2-31, 3-56, 4-93, 5-132, To bet: 0 R Brown, G Welch, A F Glos, A A Donald, Bowling: Coven 11-0-58-2; bot 9-3-23-1; Such 13-12-42-2; Graycon 2-1-1-0, Umpiects 1 0 Bond and J F Steele. Gloucs v Nottinghamshire

BRISTOL: Gloucostorstire (4µts), with the first-innings wickerts standing, are 210 runs be-hird Nottingsametate (3). inducestershire won toss NOTTINGHABSHIRE - Fleet Innings (Overnight: 255 for 8) K P Evans Ibw b Smith Bowling: 5-270.

Bowling: Smith 25.3-4-83-6: Lawrence 13-2-4-20; Lews 21-4-63-2: Young 13-1-43-0; Alleyne 13-2-42-2; Bas 9-5-6-0. Hancock c Noon b Evens

Lewis, O V Lewisine. Bowling: Bowen 7-3-18-2: Oram 8-4-12-1: Tol-ley 5-1-27-0; Evins 8-1-18-1: Aside 1-0-2-0. Uniprines: TE Jesty and II R Shephend. Hampshire v Keut

PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire (1pt) have a 210 for 5 in their first lonings against 10: 4-44-U.

RENTE OP Fultors E T Smith, T R Ward, A P Wells, G R Cowdrey, M A Eatham, M V Flemming, *1S A Zébash, P A Strang, O W Headley, S J Philips. Ompiree: A Clarkson and O J Constant.

Lancashire v Yorkshire OLD TRAFFORD: Luncashire (4pts), with seven first-incings wickets stording, are 284 runs behind Yorkshire (5)-Total (non): 4-252, 5-354, 5-224, 4-24, 6-94 (10, 9-410, 9-410, 9-410, 10, 9-LANCASHITE - First Itanings
JER Gallian b Huschson
MT Wood c Blakey b Hutchson
JP Crawley c Blakey b Sterry
N H Factoriter not old

Sussex, hattling to avoid the in all cricket. CRICKET SCOREBOARD HORTHAMPTON: Durham (4pts), with eight first-innings wickets standing, are 26 runs be-hind Northemptonshire (0).

Duemight: 4 for (1) Obernight: 4 for 0)
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A I Swenn tow b Brown
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M A Devise c Spoight b Betts
I Drives c Speight b Betts
I Drives c Speight b Betts
I Brown not cut 6-97. 6-97. Bowling: Brown 13-5-43-1; Berts 22-7-64-9; Faster B-1-18-0; Boding 1-0-3-0. DURHAM - First Innings
JJ 8 Lews b Taylor
S Hutton not out
1M P Speight at Ripley b Brown
0 C Boon not out

Worcestershire v Middlesex CHARGETER: Worsestershire (4pts), with lot-innings wickets standing, are 162 one and Middlesox (3). sant now enthrest

Fath: J.S. 2-13, 3-56, 4-70. To bart: Mr Misra, 15 J Rhodes, S R Lampett, R K Introducto, A Steenher. Bowling: Fracer 13-4-26-2; Houset 9-3-26-1; Johnson S-4-10-0; Tufnell 3-2-2-0. Umpiruss J H Herris and R E Polimer.

LECESTER Chancegon (Opts) have scored 180 for 7 to their test inches against Laidester-shire (3). r Ishire wan loss Letcestersme wor ross
@LAMORGAM - First Indiags
& P Jemes c Nacon b Millos
H Morrs b Milhs
A Date low b Welfs
M J Powert c Nacon b Domond
M P Meynard b Ormond PA Cottey & Niver b William 14 D Shaw b Williamson -R O & Croft not out ----7-159.
To bat: II A Coster, S I, Warden,
Bowilling: Milles 10-2-29-2: Ornered 15-4-64-2:
Person 5-0-23-0: Withernson 8-3-17-2: Wells
81-40-1.
LISCOSTERSHERE: V J Veels, O L Macdey, I J Suredd, "J J Whitaleer, B F Smith, N C Johnson, 19A Nison, IJ Milles, A R K Plesson, II Williamsson,
J Ornered.

1 Ornered. ond. es: H D Bird and S Dudleston

First day of four; 11.0 today Sussex v Surrey HOVE: Sussex (Opts) have scored 102 to 7 in their Brat-innings against Surrey (3).

Susser won toss
SUSSEX - First findings
M 7 E Poirce low b Bicknell
R K Rao c A J Hollagke b Bac
N R Taylor b Lews
K Greenfield b Lews
K Newell low b Bicknell
K Newell low b Bicknell
Connector b Saleston

A II Editorios c restoutes o tale 18 8 A A (Note not out 18 102 pc. w2, r0.12) 18 10tal (for 7, 41 owers) 102 Faltr 1-0. 2-5, 3-5, 4-13, 5-23, 6-47, 7-85, 76 bat: M A Roberson, R J Kyrley, Bowling Sciencel 15-44-3: Lews 13-5-31-3; A J Holliceles 2-0-3-0; Septem Mushtag 6-1-13-0; Selectory 5-2-10-1. Third Under-19 Test First day of four: 11.0 today

England v Zimbabwe CANTERBURY: Zimbabwe have soored 118 for 2 in their first include against England. we won loss INBABWE UNDER-19 - First looings

c-1.1 . Bowling: Sidebottom 15-3-28-3; Frants 16-6-50-3; Lantman 10-4-18-1; Napler S-0-10-1; Schofield 1.4-0-5-0. ENGLAND UNDER-19; S O Peters, R W T Key, G R Napier, G P Swann, "2 C Morris, J C Pow-ell, A W Laterman, 1 C R M Read, P J Franks, C MCC Trophy Final One-day match

Norfolk v Shropshire

LORD'S: Norfolk was by 52 runs.

ine won 2000 NORFOLK 279 for 4 (C.) Rogers 119ng, C.Amps SHROPSHREE
(Overrught: 46 for 1)
J. a. R. Jones c. Boyden b. Goldsmith
Asr Din c. Arnos b. Bradshaw
M. R. Davies c. Boon b. Goldsmith
M. R. Davies b. Goldsmith
A. N. Johnson c. Regers b. Goldsmith
A. B. Johnson b. Newman
7. A. M. Mackelworth c. D. R. Thornes

7. A. M. Mackelworth c. D. R. Thornes G J Byram b Newman
D J Bowett not out
A M Sharmons b Newman
Extras (Ib14, w23) Extrae (014, w/23) 27
Total (54.3 overs) 227
Fall (cond; 2-70, 3-102, 4-116, 5-134, 8-144, 7-176, 8-210, 9-217.
Bowling: Gotdsmith 10-1-42-5: Newman 10,3-1-33.5: MW thomas 11-1-47-0: Bradshaw 11-1-31-2; O R Thomas 4-0-19-0; Rogers 8-0-41-0.
Umplines: M K Reed and C 5 Kelly.

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Umphres: M. K. Reed and C. S. Kelly.
SEDOND JG CHAMPIONSHIP (Third day of four; 11.0 today): Toobridge Wells Kent 278
IC II Welsh SS, N. I Llong S1, M. J. Walson S1:
R. S. C. Martin-Jenkons. C-61, N. C. Philips. 4-52;
Susaer. S6 for 3. Lindridge: (RAF Vine Launi): Storthampunestive 385; If M. Balley S6, K. J. Innes 84, T. C. Walson S4; S. J. Cook S-61; Midgle-ser. 40 for II. (Second day of threes 11.0 to-day): No. play: Partieg: Glamorgan. V. Wiczensteshire. Southampton: Essex SO for 1 v Hampistore.

Badminton RUSSIAN OPEN GRAND PRIX 1946 P-E Hoyer Larsen (Den) 15-0; M Constable (Eng) 7-14; P Uwrov (Rus) bi 7-15-4; A Boeses (Den)

time, at 5.50pm.

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Basketball

Methael Jordan, the Chicago Bulls guard, has re-signed with the team for one more year. FOOTBALL

ELROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP Prof

EUROPEAN CON-WINNERS COP Problemany round second leg Kipse Cargi (Belary D Direbung Daugayaha (Lat) 1 (agg: 0-2); Belaryan Bobusah (Bela) 4 (alimna Sadam (Esp. 1) (agg: 5-2); NK Zagnes Octon) 2 (sioga Jugarraghan (Mac) 0 (agg: 4-2); Shakhar Donersh (Urn 3 Zminu) Chainau (Mal) 0 (agg: 4-2); Antasi Yersen (Ami) 0 Dynomo Basum (Geor) 2 (agg: 3-2); Shakhar Bristaliwa 2 (anta) Sofia 2 (agg: 3-2).

AVON PERUPANCE COMBINATION First Division: Costal Painca 3 Total Amin Mallandia.

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Starsmore 21.-17; Coles ix Farrow 21.-10.
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SPORTING DIGEST

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PMILLAND MEM'S TEAM (Communication Gaines, 10-20 September 18-98, (Mante Lamper, Medigyster) Silvensy (42, Nethol.) Control (41, Deven, dept., Posses, 8 Moters) (57, Nett.), G Bargines (37, Woos), J Bell 149, Cumbral, 4 Thesseen 141, Korn, dept. WORLD TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS (Perits, Accs):
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48.066; 11 Nesterlands 48.327; 12 Augemen
48.347; 33 Sentretrand 48.937; Second round:
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EROPEAN SHOW JARPING CHAMPIONSHPS
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Football

Football

COCA-COLA CUP Second round draw: Blackpool v Coventry, Less Und v Pretol City: Blackturn Rowers v Presson NE: Levion Onent v Botton
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Walkell: Birmsgham City v Stoneport County, Notice
County v Transmer Rowers: Southernd Und v Derby County, Boothampoor v Berschort (Westbeland
V Sheffield Wednescay, Huddeschief Town v West
Ham Und: Luton Town v West Bromsch Abon.
Crist legit to be aliqued during week commencing
22 September.
Scottman Labdell CHALLENGE CUP Quantermencing 22 September.

SCOTTISM LEASUE CHALLENGE CUP Quarterfinal draw: Fallor is Stranser: Queen of the South
VAinte: Hamitton v Brocher: Morron v Cydebank.
(Tips to be played 2 or 3 September).

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Rugby Union The New Zealand Rugby Football Union has suspended Troy Flavell, the North Harbour flanker, for a year for deliberately gought the right-eye of Steve Slarnon, the Wellington winger, during last Saturday o First Division match in Wellington.

Squash

Boyce looks to **Royce for England**

Hockey BILL COLWILL

England's Under-21 team entertain Germany, Ireland and Belgium in a four nations tournament, starting this afternoon at Milton Keynes, as they put together their final preparations for next month's Junior World Cup which will be held at the National

The team's coach, Jon Royce was delighted with the perfor-mance of his squad against the Australian Seniors on Tuesday evening, when they more than held their own for much of the game before finally going down -1 to a side that included 11 of their Olympic bronze medal-

winning team. Royce was also pleased with the news that Alistair Boyce, who has been a long term absentee following injury, is fit to return and is expected to be playing over the weekend. The fitness of Boyce, who is expected to team up with Mark Pearn as twin strikers, could be the key to England's medal prospects next month.

Germany have been supreme in Junior World Cup Tourna-ments. After taking second place to Pakistan in the first in Paris in 1979 they have won the gold medal on each subsequent occasion, producing a string of outstanding players and the current squad is unlikely to he

any exception.

Two of the present squad will be following in the footsteps of their brothers who made promioent contributions in Terrassa

plans have gone,
Ireland, who England play
today, have not qualified for
the world event but will be through a lean time recently and the juniors will be looking to re-establish their country's

A slight improvement to 18th overall left John Memcks and Ian Walker still hoping to secure a top 10 place in the World 470 Championships at Tel Anv In the final three races today. Nick Rogers and Steve Irish are 12th, as the top two places should decided between Lesk-inen and Henilia of Finland, just two points clear of Rocha and Barreto of Portugal. Helena Lucas and Maggie Beech

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FA charge may bring long ban for Wright

Football

GUY HODGSON

Ian Wright is facing the prospect of a lengthy suspension from the game after he was charged yesterday by the Football Association with misconduct.

The England striker was charged along with his Arsenal team-mate Patrick Vieira, the club's assistant manager Pat Rice and the Leicester City player Steve Walsh after the 3-3 draw at Filbert Street on Wednesday ended in ugly scenes. Where Wright stands apart from the oth-

on probation after two indiscretions last April.

After fining Wright £15,000, the disciplinary committee warned him then that it was his "last chance". That hearing was only two months ago and now a heavy financial penalty and a long suspension seem inevitable. On the basis of what he has said before, such a punishment could lead to Wright walking away from the game.

Brilliant and inflammable as a firework. Wright has trod a well worn route to Lancaster Gate since he was fined £1,500 six years ago for spitting at and making obscene gestures to Oldham Athletic supporters. Now he has to account for Wednesday night, when he ran from the Arsenal substitutes' beuch to confront first the referee, Graham Barber, and then Walsh. The two players ap-peared to square up to each other and to exchange angry words

before they were dragged apart by team-mates and club officials. Arsenal players had confronted Barber after the referee had played almost six minutes of injury time. In the 95th minute Walsh headed Leicester's equaliser in a 3-3 draw.

Barber reported Wright, Walsh and Vieira for "adopting

each other after the game". Rice is in trouble for "a conversation" afterwards in the referee's room.

Wright's case is likely to be severely undermined by the fact that he had been substituted in the 77th minute and was in the dug-out when the match ended. It was more than a quarter of an hour after his removal from the action that he ran 40 yards to sign his own disciplinary warrant.

Wright has sufficient regret about his past actions that he has undertaken counselling to curb his temper. However, before the FA gave him his last chance he had talked openly of "doing a Cantona" and retiring if the national association had come down hard on him.

"Opponents know I will always be in their face," he said a formight ago, "eyeballing them, on their backs. That is Premiership football. But I'm fighting hard with my image now." Not hard enough, it would seem.

Arsenal's manager, Arsène Wenger, tried to defend his wayward striker, but even he ap-peared to lack true conviction. "I can say that Ian Wright was not one of the dirty players on the field," he said. "Maybe it would be too much to punish him.

lift an arm without referees hooking him now and I don't feel he deserves that. I don't think what happened was something important and I've seen more serious things on the field in the last few games."

In the summer it was suggested Wright might be banned for up to 12 games if he trans-gressed again. However, Martin O'Neill, Leicester's manager, said last night: "If Ian Wright was to be banned for 12 games for what happened on Wednesday it would be very, very harsh. Ian Wright is a bubbly character, but if he wasn't also a very good

much said about him. He is a character because of the ability and bravado that comes from within him. Yet if that was all he was we would consider him a clown, which he isn't.

"Ian is a great player. He's 33 but playing as well as he has ever done in his career and he is good for the game. Nobody wants to condone misbehaviour, but from what I saw of it the whole thing seemed a lot more

scary than it really was."
O'Neill, who said he felt the referee had been justified in playing nearly six minutes of injury time, added: "From what I'd

"He cannot say anything or player there wouldn't be that heard I expected to watch the television and see all sorts going on, but there were no fists flying, no physical contact, even if the players were pulled apart."

It was only three weeks ago. at the start of the season, that Alex Ferguson, Manchester United's manager, remembered Wright's flare-up with Peter Schmeichel last season and commented: "I couldn't believe it when the FA used him for their advertising campaign.

The disciplinary committee at Lancaster Gate will also be wondering about the wisdom of

that this morning.

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Path to last four opens up for Henman

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Flushing Meadow

It might be tempting fate to mention this, but by defeating Thomas Muster, the world No 5, Tim Henman has opened a seedless path to the quarter-finals of the United States Open.

Should the 22-year-old from Oxford continue to produce the impressive form he displayed against Muster In the first round on Wednesday, he could find himself on the court with his Russian rival, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No 3 seed. An alternative possibility is that Henman will duel for the first time with Andre Agassi, unseeded and ranked No 63, for a place in the last four.

The only player on Henman's mind at the moment, however, is Wayne Ferreira, the talented South African who today stands between the Briton and an appearance in the third

Henman has played Ferreira twice previously, last year, and African won in two sets on a concrete court at the Canadian Open, the Briton reversing the result on an indoor carpet in Os-

Ferreira, while not necessarily a man for all seasons, his confidence tending to waver, has prospered on all surfaces. He is one of only nine active players



clay, grass and indoor carpet. His initial triumph, it may be re-Stella Artois grass court cham-

pionships at Queen's Cluh. Once ranked as high as No 6, Ferreira was down to No 55 on his prospects hardly bolstered by memories of first-round defeats in the past two years. He proved to have the fitness and resolve to recover from two sets down in the opening round to defeat Alberto Berasategui, of Spain,

Henman, who lost to Stefan Edberg in the fourth round to have won titles on concrete. last year, has virtually safe-

guarded his ranking points with the boous for defeating Muster, who is 16 spots higher.

"It is no shame to lose to someooe like Tim Henman," Muster said after experiencing the full range of the Briton's atfour sets. "We will see how he continues. If he keeps playing and serving the way he did today, I think his chances are there against Wayne Ferreira."

6-3 in the fifth set. tween the way he is now and the way he was a few years ago. "Less hair, higger bank ac-

count," the Austrian former

of fun," Muster said.

Muster, who is approaching 30, was asked what he considered to be the difference bethe US Open," he parried. Henman saw the humour in

world No 1 said. Perhaps aware that his days as a pulverising competitor might be drawing to a close, Muster parodied himself by brandishing his racket and chasing Henman the third set. "That was just a bit

But would he have acted that way a year ago? That was the only thing I was looking for- has a very stylish game, especially ward to from the beginning of on indoor surfaces or grass. 1 the year, just to be like that at think he has a good coach

the situation, although he admitted that he beat a retreat just

at the younger players, I think Tim is one who has the poten-

in case Muster was about to attial to be be in the top 10 for tack him. "I told him in the lockquite a while. Another of the new generaer-room I wasn't scared to

admit that I was frightened, so tion expected to make a lasting I thought the hest thing to do impression is Mark Philippouswas keep running," he said. sis, the No 14 seed. The big-serv-Muster, whose obsessive work mg Australian, who might pose position of respect in the sport. the semi-finals, advanced to the third round on Wednesday night. complimented Henman's flu-His French opponent, Jerome ent skills. "He has great poten-Golmard, retired in the third set, tial," the Austrian said. "He

when already two sets down, because of a shoulder injury. The 20-year-old Philippoussis, in common with the 16-year-old [David Felgate] and I think they Martina Hingis, takes his mind off tennis with recreational purcan develop together. If you look suits. The other evening he was

Photograph: Reuter

spotted on the corner of Third Avenue and East 51st Street, black cap turned with its peak to the back, casual gear, elbows and knees padded, holding a skate-

Anna Kournikova, the atvanced to the semi-finals at Wimhledon this year, was unable to add to her conquests here. Although playing a spirited second set, the Russian was eliminated in the second round by the No 11 seed, Irina Spirlea, of Romania, 6-1 3-6 6-3.

Rain delayed yesterday's pro-

£22m deal set up for **Denilson**

The Brazilian prodigy, Denilson, was reported yesterday to have signed for the Spanish side, Real Betis, in what would be a world record transfer deal worth £22m.

The 20-year-old São Paulo striker has been lined up to join Betis after the World Cup finals next year in a deal that will surpass Ronaldo's transfer to Internazionale from Barcelona, which is expected to be worth around £18m when negotiations have been resolved.

Perhaps the most surprising assect to the mooted deal is the size of the buy-out clause the Spaniards will insert into the contract -£260m. This dwarfs the £91m clause set by Real Madrid for their Dutch midfielder, Clarence Seedorf, this week.

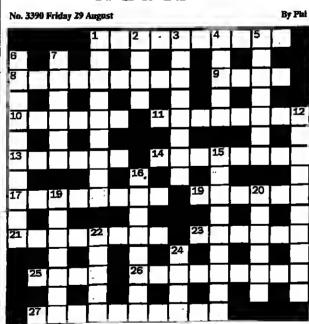
The Betis president, Manuel Ruiz de Lopera, said yesterday that he had reached agreement with São Paulo over the fee and that Denilson would be signing an 11-year contract.

We worked very hard to get it, but now we can give all the Betis fans something to celebrate," he said.

Manchester United and Tottenham were reported to be looking at Denilson, who played hriefly against England in Le Tournoi in France during the summer. He also played a key the Copa America in June.

The player has also been linked with Betis for several months, though Lazio and Real Madrid have also expressed an interest in him. He will not be available to play for the Seville side until after the 1998 World Cup, with Betis loaning him back to São Paulo for the com-Results, Digest, page 23 ing season as part of the deal.

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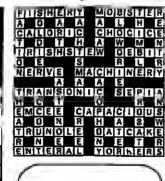
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Baker finds new target ANDY FARRELL

mg gods for most of the season, Peter Baker took full advantage of his early morning draw yesterday to state a claim for the Ryder Cup place he thought was beyond him a month ago. At no stage this year has Bak-

reports from Munich

er looked like adding to his inspired performance in the 1993 match at The Belfry. In his first 22 events, his best result was a tie for 25th place and he missed 12 cuts. Then he went to the Scandinavian Masters. There, the 29-year-old Mid-

lander finished third. "All I was trying to do was get my card for next year," Baker said. "I had to have the week off after that. l was hurnt out. Baker returned last week at

the European Open and finished second, lifting him from 57th in the Ryder Cup table prior to go-ing to Sweden to 20th. A victory at the BMW International, which would complete a natural progression, could enable him to qualify automatically. An opening 64, eight under par, was the perfect start. "This is all a bonus. The Ryder Cup was

not on my mind at all, but to have

The reason is his work with Bill Ferguson, the coach who came to prominence due to his success with Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam. "I am just doing everything better." Baker said.

His fortune was in teeing off in perfect conditions early in the morning, when his round was matched by Carl Watts, whose back nine consisted of eight hirdies and a hogey, and two Swedes, Peter Hedblom and Patrik Sjoland. Wayne Westner later equalled the score, finishing his round in the wind and rain of a storm that delayed play for an hour, after which the Frenchman Fabrice Tarnaud returned

to take the lead at nine under. The low scoring makes it hard to evaluate the first-round scores of those vying for the last automatic places in the 12-man team. Jose Maria Olazabal had a 67 in the morning, but Padraig Har-rington later battled the elements to finish hirdic-eagle for a 66,

"On this course, that was nothing special," Oluzabal said. The level pars of Ignacio Gar-rido and Joakim Haeggman left them a long way behind, although in the case of the former it should not matter. Sam Torrance's 75, in front of Europe's captain. Seve Ballesteres, cannot have done his chances any good. a chance going into the final tour-nament is great." Baker added. Paul Broadhurst, scored a 68. The third member of the group,

cream to the top, but the München Nord club, at Eichenried, hrings out the worms, or at least it did in a mass eruption last weekend. This is not the usual diet that Montgomerie expects. "There has to be one course which is the easiest on the tour," said Monty, who

shot a 65, "and this is it, He gave his analysis of the test presented by the course: "It is not the longest, the rough is not severe, it's flat, the greens are rolling nicely. My score was three under a par of 68. from overseas who scored a 67, was reluctant to commit himself before saying: "It's not the most difficult I've ever played." A comparison with Winged Foot, where the American Ryder Cup qualifying ended two weeks ago, would be that be-tween a BMW and a Lada.

There were only slightly more scores over par than there were under parat the USPGA Championship and even Ballesteros, whose playing is subsidiary to his captaincy at the moment, went 13 holes before his first hogey and finished under par. All of which makes Raif Berhorst's 86 one of the poorer efforts of his professional career. This is not good week for the German. He is sponsored by Audi. Scores, digest, page 23

believe it makes financial sense

Pros' 'insurance' betting banned

Snooker

Professionals were banded last night by the game's governing body from betting against themselves as an insurance wager. After a policy review by the Board of the World Professional Billiards and Soooker Association, a rule has been added

to the code of discipline which stops players from betting on matches "they are personally involved in".

The move follows allegations last season that some players were placing bets on an opponent to make up the prize monand losing. "While some members might

to place a bet on an opponent as insurance against losing it, the Board does not regard this practice to he ethical," the WPBSA chairman Rex Williams said. "Snooker is one of the few sports where players ey shortfall between winning still call a foul on themselves and we pride ourselves on having a reputation for sportsmanship.

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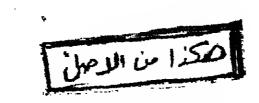
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